

Table 4
PAPER AND PAPERBOARD PRODUCTS IN MSW, 2012
(In thousands of tons and percent of generation)

Product Category	Generation	Recovery		Discards
	(Thousand tons)	(Thousand tons)	(Percent of generation)	(Thousand tons)
Nondurable Goods				
Newspapers/Mechanical Papers†	8,380	5,870	70.0%	2,510
Books	860			
Magazines	1,470			
Office-type Papers*	4,750			
Standard Mail**	3,620			
Other Commercial Printing	2,660			
Tissue Paper and Towels	3,510			
Paper Plates and Cups	1,290			
Other Nonpackaging Paper***	4,010			
Subtotal Nondurable Goods				
excluding Newspaper/Mechanical Papers§	22,170	9,570	43.2%	12,600
Total Paper and Paperboard Nondurable Goods	30,550	15,440	50.5%	15,110
Containers and Packaging				
Corrugated Boxes	29,480	26,810	90.9%	2,670
Gable Top/Aseptic Cartons‡	550			
Folding Cartons	5,490			
Other Paperboard Packaging	70			
Bags and Sacks	960			
Other Paper Packaging	1,460			
Subtotal Containers and Packaging				
excluding Corrugated Boxes§	8,530	2,110	24.7%	6,420
Total Paper and Paperboard Containers and Packaging	38,010	28,920	76.1%	9,090
Total Paper and Paperboard^	68,560	44,360	64.7%	24,200

† Starting in 2010, newsprint and groundwood inserts expanded to include directories and other mechanical papers previously counted as Other Commercial Printing.

* High-grade papers such as copy paper and printer paper; both residential and commercial.

** Formerly called Third Class Mail by the U.S. Postal Service.

*** Includes paper in games and novelties, cards, etc.

§ Valid default values for separating out paper and paperboard sub-categories for recovery and discards were not available.

‡ Includes milk, juice, and other products packaged in gable top cartons and liquid food aseptic cartons.

^ Table 4 does not include 10,000 tons of paper used in durable goods and 50,000 tons tissue in disposable diapers (Table 1).

Neg. = Less than 5,000 tons or 0.05 percent.