

Dual loops of paper carton recycling



Growing

Appropriately managed forestry practices absorb atmospheric carbon dioxide and discharge oxygen.



Use

Wood is used with zero waste.

Logged trees are primarily used for construction materials and furniture. Wood chips made from thin timber from forest thinning activities, edge trims resulting from manufacturing of construction materials, and branches are used as raw material to produce paper. Long fibers of acicular trees are suitable for processing of durable paper cartons.

Reborn as recycled products



A used paper carton is a high-quality resource. It is reborn as recycled products.

Paper cartons have lower environmental load*

CO₂ emissions from a 1000 ml paper carton total 32.4 g. The environmental load resulting from this is very small.

Recycling a 1000 ml paper carton reduces CO₂ emissions by 23.4 g.

*Source: Institute for Policy Analysis and Social Innovation "2004 Report of Survey on Life Cycle Assessment of Containers and Packaging" (Entrusted by the Ministry of the Environment)

Paper recyclers and wholesalers of used (consumed) paper

They sort paper cartons and transport them to recycled paper manufacturers.

Recycled paper manufacturers

Laminated portions are removed and the base paper (raw paper) portion is dissolved. At this point, foreign substances such as residual ink are extracted in order to produce clean pulp that is suitable for manufacturing recycled products such as toilet rolls.

Recycling of paper cartons

Paper cartons

Paper cartons refer to a container of milk, lactic beverages, juices, etc. that do not have a piece of aluminum laminated to the inside surface.

In addition to 1000 ml, 500 ml and 200 ml containers are collected, too.

Wash

Open

Dry

Collection

Collection methods include store collection at supermarkets and other similar stores, municipality collection, group collection by citizen's groups, and collection at schools.

Life cycles of a forest

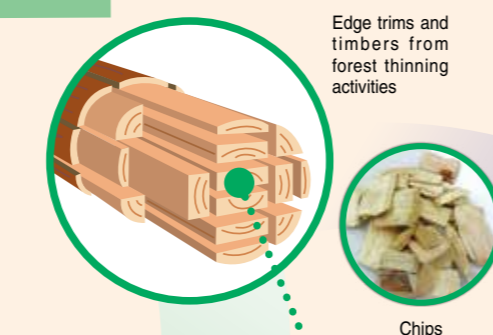
Life span of 50 to 100 years

Base paper (raw paper) will not be exhausted.

Acicular trees in North America and Northern Europe are mainly used for production of base paper (raw paper). Forests of acicular trees are managed according to forestry certifications, and tree trimming, planting of seedlings and growing processes are conducted systematically. Acicular trees in North America are raised for approximately 50 to 80 years, and in Northern Europe they are raised for approximately 70 to 100 years. Trees in both regions are subject to controlled thinning.

Plant

Seedlings are picked from parent trees, grown in nursery grounds, and then systematically planted in logging forests.



Chips



Construction materials storage site


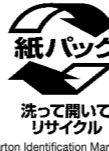








Construction and furniture materials

Short history



● Short history of COMCEI ■ Short history of JAMRA ★ Activities to strengthen collaboration

Fiscal year	Short history	Applicable laws
1984	■ A group of housewives started a milk carton recycling movement to teach their children to recognize the value of things.	
1985 to 1993	■ "Japan Milk Carton Recycling Association" was established (1985). ● "Committee for Milk Container Environmental Issues" was established (1992). ■ "Milk carton recycled products mark" was created (1992). ● The Committee participated in "Forestry Fair" held by the Forestry Agency (the Committee participated every year from 1993 to 2008). 	● The Basic Environment Law was enacted (1993).
1995	● "Basic survey on the present status and trends of beverage paper container (paper carton) recycling" was started.	● Containers and Packaging Recycling Law was enacted.
1996	● "The Beverage Paper Container Recycling Council" was established.	
1997	■ National case study on milk carton collection system was conducted.	● Containers and Packaging Recycling Law was enforced.
1998	● Model project for promotion of milk cartons used for school meals was started (Hokkaido). ■ An experimental project was implemented to build a collection and recycling system of milk cartons used for school meals (Fukuoka and Hyogo). ■ Convivial meetings were held to promote collection of beverage paper containers (Locations of meeting *1).	
1999	★ Local conference to promote paper carton recycling was held (this has been continuing since *1).	
2000	● The Paper Carton Identification Mark was voluntarily established. ● Discussion Meeting to Promote Recycling of Paper Cartons for Beverages was started (this has been continuing since). 	● Containers and Packaging Recycling Law was completely enforced. ● Basic Law for Establishing the Recycling-Based Society was enacted. ● Law for the Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources was enacted.
2001	★ Movement for expansion of milk carton collection centers was started (Provision of collection boxes to local communities).	● Act on Promoting Green Purchasing was enacted.
2002	● A symposium commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Committee for Milk Container Environmental Issues was held. ★ Activities to expand milk carton collection centers to 10,000 locations was started. ● Survey on Paper Carton Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) was started (this has been continuing since).	
2003	★ Survey on paper carton LCA in North America was conducted.	
2004	● Environmental campaign was started (executed during Environment month and the 3R month each year). ★ Workshop on milk carton recycling was held (this has been continuing since *2). ● Participated in one of the largest class environmental-related exhibitions, called "Eco-Product Exhibition 2004" (this has been continuing every year). 	● Review of Containers and Packaging Recycling Law was started.
2005	● Goal of the paper carton collection rate in fiscal 2010 was set to 50% or greater. ● The voluntary action plan for promoting 3R of containers and packaging was announced (The Beverage Paper Container Recycling Council). ★ The website for children's environmental education called "Milk Packn's Expedition" was started. ● Sponsoring "Message Box Kit" for enlightening exhibition was started. ★ Nishi Hari project (Construction of local collection system). ★ Survey on paper carton LCA in Northern Europe. 	
2006	■ 20th anniversary memorial meeting of JAMRA.	● Revised Containers and Packaging Recycling Law was enacted.
2007	● "Plan 2010 - Action Plan for Recycling of Paper Cartons for Beverages - Toward collection rate of 50%" was established and published. ● Participated in the main event of the environmental moth "Eco-fair 2007" (this has been continuing every year). ■ Supported "Friendly environment loop - Recycling Association" (this has been continuing every year). ★ Survey on paper carton LCA in North America was conducted. ★ Onsite lessons on milk carton recycling was started (this has been continuing since *3). ★ The movement for further expansion the number of milk carton collection centers (20,000 locations were targeted). 	
2008	● Participated in the Toyako Summit Memorial General Environmental Exhibition 2008. ★ Conference on employment of CTMP for beverage cartons.	● Revised Containers and Packaging Recycling Law was completely enforced.
2009	★ A book "Paper Carton Manifesto" was published.	

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2010	★ "Milk Packn's Expedition" DVD was produced. ★ The 1st Japan and Korea Forum on Processed Milk Industry Environmental Management (in Seoul, Korea).	
2011	★ "Real Story of Paper Carton Recycling" pamphlet was published. ★ Onsite lessons on paper carton recycling was held for the leaders of the movement in Korea (in Korea). ★ Provision of collection boxes to 20,000 locations was achieved. ● "Plan 2015 - Action Plan for Recycling of Paper Cartons for Beverages" was established and published. ● The second voluntary action plan for promoting 3R of containers and packaging was announced (The Beverage Paper Container Recycling Council). ● Certified as PCR of "milk". ★ The 2nd Japan and Korea Forum on Processed Milk Industry Environmental Management (in Osaka). ■ "Milk Carton Recycle Mark Promotion Council" was established. 	
2012	● New organizations for operation of the Committee were started (General Affairs, local organizations, Event Committee). ★ The 3rd Japan and Korea Forum on Processed Milk Industry Environmental Management (in Kyongju, Korea). ★ Survey on paper carton LCA in Northern Europe was conducted. ■ "Friendly environment loop forum - Efforts for utilization of recyclable energy". ★ Workshop at a commercial facility "Ginza Mitsukoshi" (Tokyo). 	
2013	● A symposium commemorating the 20th anniversary of COMCEI was held. ★ A booklet "Story of Waste" was published. ★ Workshop at a commercial facility "Ario Hashimoto (Sagamihara City)" and "LaLa garden Nagamachi (Sendai City)". ■ Supported "Friendly environment loop - Effects and problems of recycling containers and packaging". 	● Review of the Revised Containers and Packaging Recycling Law was started.
2014	● Composition analysis of paper cartons in Matsudo City. ★ Workshop at a commercial facility "Isetan Matsudo Store (Matsudo City)" and "LaLa garden Nagamachi (Sendai City)". ■ "Friendly environment loop forum - Information exchange on activities at welfare organizations associated with milk carton recycling".	
2015	● Composition analysis of paper cartons (Machida City). ★ "Milk Carton Recycling - Nationwide Collection of 20 Cases" 4th volume published. ★ "Discussion meeting with paper manufacturers associated with paper carton recycling" was held. ■ "Friendly environment loop forum - 30th anniversary memorial meeting of JAMRA".	
2016	● "Plan 2020 - Action Plan for Recycling of Paper Cartons for Beverages" was established and published. ● The third voluntary action plan for promoting 3R of containers and packaging was announced (The Beverage Paper Container Recycling Council). ★ Survey on paper carton LCA and fact-finding survey on paper carton recycling in North America was conducted. ★ Leaflet of "Real Story of Paper Carton Recycling" was published. ■ The theme this year was "The State of Required Paper Carton and Its Suitability for Recycling".	● Review of the Revised Containers and Packaging Recycling Law was completed.

*1 Venues of local conference to promote paper carton recycling (1998 to 2016)

Hokkaido, Hakodate, Aomori, Iwate, Miyagi, Fukushima, Yamagata, Niigata, Nagano, Shiga, Gunma, Warabi, Saitama, Chiba, Ibaraki, Tokyo (northern and eastern parts), Akishima, Kanagawa, Yokohama, Kuwana, Kasuga, Shizuoka, Gifu, Ishikawa, Fukui, Mie, Aichi, Osaka, Kyoto, Hyogo (Kobe and Hanshin area), Akashi, Shimane, Okayama, Hiroshima, Tokushima, Ehime, Kochi, Fukuoka, Kitakyushu, Oita, Saga, Kumamoto, Okinawa

*2 Venues of milk carton recycling workshop (2004 to 2016)

Asahikawa City, Sapporo City, Saitama City, Fujimi City, Shibuya ward, Shinagawa ward, Koto ward, Nakano ward, Kita ward, Nishitokyo City, Yokohama City, Atsugi City, Sagamiara City, Yokoshibahikarimachi, Otsuki City, Kofu City, Shimizu Town, Chikusei City, Nisshin City, Osaka City, Nishinomiya City, Matsuyama City, Kochi City, Beppu City, Naha City

*3 We visited the following schools to run the onsite lessons on milk carton recycling (2007 to 2016)

Aomori City Izumikawa Elementary School, Sendai City Shoryo Elementary School, Sukagawa City Abukuma Elementary School, Mito City Akatsuka Elementary School, Chikusei City Ueno Elementary School, Chikusei City Isa Elementary School, Motegimachi Motegi Elementary School, Hagamachi Hagaminami Elementary School, Nogimachi Tomonuma Elementary School, Ota Chuo Primary School, Kawaguchi City Tozokaminami Elementary School, Koshigaya City Obukurohigashi Elementary School, Konosu City Akamidaiaichi Elementary School, Ichihara City Chiharadaisakura Elementary School, Noda City Futakawa Elementary School, Shibuya Ward Kakezuka Primary School, Edogawa Ward Shinozakidaini Elementary School, Nishitokyo City Mukoudai Elementary School, Machida City Oyama Elementary School, Ome City Imai Elementary School, Yokohama City Tsunashima Elementary School, Yokohama City Hie Elementary School, Yamato City School Education Study Group, Hiratsuka City Okazaki Elementary School, Minami Alps City Shiranehyakuta Elementary School, Hokuto City Mukawa Elementary School, Komagane City Akaho Elementary School, Toyama City Shinjo Elementary School, Kanazawa City Izumino Elementary School, Tarui Cho Iwade Elementary School, Godo Cho Godo Elementary School, Shizuoka City Togendai Elementary School, Hamamatsu City Hamana Elementary School, Nisshin City Higashi Elementary School, Nisshin City Nishi Elementary School, Okazaki City Yamanaka Elementary School, Minamiise Cho Nantohigashi Elementary School, Nabari City Mihata Elementary School, Osaka City Benten Elementary School, Osaka City Turumachi Elementary School, Kishiwada City Jyoutou Elementary School, Kaizuka City Chuo Elementary School, Amagasaki City Wakaba Elementary School, Nishinomiya City Takagi Elementary School, Oji Cho Ojikita Elementary School, Matsue City Kashimahigashi Elementary School, Hiroshima City Ushitashinmachi Primary School, Hiroshima City Niho Elementary School, Hiroshima City Nukushina Elementary School, Hiroshima City Omachi Elementary School, Fukuyama City Hikino Elementary School, Mitoyo City Matsusaki Elementary School, Mitoyo City Omi Elementary School, Kochi City Kamoda Elementary School, Yoshinogawa City Kamiura Elementary School, Kitakyushu City Tenraiji Elementary School, Saga City Wakakusa Elementary School

COMCEI publications

The Committee provides DVDs and leaflets that explain characteristics of paper cartons and how they are recycled in an easy-to-understand manner.

DVD "Milk Packn's Expedition"
COMCEI has prepared a detailed DVD version of a website called "Milk Packn's Expedition" that is targeting at elementary school students. This is an educational tool that helps them think about the environment and learn the importance of initiating their own activities. We send it free of charge to schools and organizations that apply.



DVD "Milk Packn's Expedition"

"Real Story of Paper Carton Recycling"
The main points of "Real Story of Paper Carton Recycling" is summarized and printed on a two-page spread. Please use it for education combination with the quiz panels.



"Real Story of Paper Carton Recycling"

"Story of Waste"

"Real Story about Paper Carton Recycling" has been edited for children and features interesting illustrations of Milk Packn.



"Story of Waste"



"Real Story of Paper Carton Recycling"

"Story of Milk Cartons"

It is for early elementary school children. It shows the life of a milk carton - from its birth to finally being recycled into a new product - in an easy to understand manner using cartoons. This publication is recommended for use in events such as workshops where many visitors bring their children.



"Story of Milk Cartons"

"Recycling Workshop for Creating and Playing with Milk Cartons"

This book is full of ideas such as how to make postcards from handmade paper and how to craft objects out of milk cartons. It is distributed in events such as recycling workshops and eco-life fairs.



Recycling Workshop for Creating and Playing with Milk Cartons

Book "Paper Carton Manifesto"

This book details characteristics of paper cartons and recycling activities in order to submit recommendations for the future of our planet while enhancing consciousness about the meaning of recycling. The writers include Mr. Inose, president of ECOIPS, Ms. Hirai, representative of JAMRA, and seven members of COMCEI, among others.



Book "Paper Carton Manifesto"
Nihon Hyouron Sha

"Milk Carton Recycling - Nationwide Collection of 20 Cases" 4th edition

Separate collection of paper cartons requires community people's understanding of the recycling and creative ideas in the collection. This case book introduces actual recycling activities carried out by citizen's groups, local governments and various business sectors throughout Japan to assist readers when they are confronted with problems.



"Nationwide Collection of 20 Cases" 4th edition

Members list

3 related associations

Japan Dairy Industry Association
Japan Dairy Association
Federation of Milk Processors Co-operatives

7 Carton manufacturers

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Nihon Tetra Pak K.K.
ISHIZUKA GLASS Co.,Ltd.
Dai Nippon Printing Co.,Ltd.
TOPPAN PRINTING CO.,LTD.
BF&Package Co., Ltd.
TOKYO PAPER MFG. CO. ,LTD

123 dairy companies

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Hokkaido Dairy Corporation Co.,Ltd.
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KONDO MILK PRODUCTS CO.,LTD.
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HARADA Daily Products.CO.,LTD.
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[Toyama]

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WestRock Asia Co.
Masukoo Paper Company
Stora Enso Japan
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Dairy product and paper container manufacturers collaborate to recycle paper containers such as milk cartons to preserve the environment.

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A message to members of paper carton collection associations

Please contact schools, local governments, public facilities, retail stores, and welfare organizations to gain their cooperation with regard to installing collection boxes. At the same time, set up a system to enable regular collection of paper cartons. If you do not know where paper cartons are collected, contact the section in charge of the local government/public administration.

Contact the following for more information:

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