

AT&T Paper Procurement Policy

VISION STATEMENT

AT&T is dedicated to environmental sustainability and taking meaningful steps to manage our environmental impacts. AT&T strives to reduce, reuse and recycle paper products; continue our role in promoting responsible forest products; and encourage a market that conserves, protects and restores forests.

POLICY

This policy shall apply to AT&T consumer billing, direct mail marketing and office paper consumption:

1. AT&T requires in its written contracts that suppliers comply with all applicable laws and regulations. This requirement includes local, state, national and international regulations for forest management, harvest and manufacturing.
2. AT&T will continue to give purchasing preference to the following paper products:
 - Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified paper
 - Post-consumer waste (PCW) content that is processed chlorine free
3. AT&T will strive to include the following environmental impact considerations along with other business requirements for paper procurement:
 - 90% of total paper consumption for direct mail and office paper will be FSC certified
 - Continue to increase PCW content (by weight) for direct mail and office paper
 - Reduce consumption in billing, primarily via promotion of online billing and reduction of mail size and weight
4. AT&T may consider other paper certification systems if they provide sufficient environmental and social assurances such as: instituting governance and funding mechanisms that are fully balanced, transparent and independent; demonstration of consistency with applicable laws, regulations or legal guidelines; and securing widespread acceptance from environmental and social stakeholders.
5. By using the FSC certified paper, AT&T gives preference to paper products that come from sources other than old growth, high conservation value (HCV) and controversial forests.
6. AT&T will consider opportunities to use paper products containing alternative fibers such as agricultural waste, and alternatives to wood-based products, to reduce pressure on natural forests and develop markets for such products.
7. AT&T seeks open communications and collaborative relationships with stakeholders. AT&T publishes annual [sustainability reports](#). The reports follow the Global Reporting Initiative's guidelines and discuss our progress toward achieving this policy's objectives.

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