## Eastham Recycle Committee OCTOBER 2024





## REFUSE, RETHINK, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

## Focus on "Mixed Paper"

- Did you know that paper and paper-based packaging are the <u>most recycled materials in</u> the United States?
- In 2018, 68.2% of the paper in the U.S. was recovered for recycling, or a total of 99 million tons. That's a 127% increase in the recovery rate since 1990.
- Approximately 80% of U.S paper mills use some recovered recycled paper fibre to produce new paper and paperboard products.
- Paper can be recycled up to six times, before it must be discarded.
- Recycling one ton of paper can save 17 trees, 7000 gallon of water, 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space and 400 kilowatt of energy - enough to power the average U.S. home for six months - and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by one metric ton of carbon equivalent.

## Reduce Paper Usage:

- Subscribe to digital newspapers.
- Set your printer to 2-sided printing.