



## **Newspaper Hard Copy vs. Digital Copy?**

### **Some facts:**

1. The average newspaper produces about 8,000 tons of newsprint every month.
2. To produce each week's Sunday newspaper in our country, 500,000 trees must be cut down.
3. Paper production is a leading contributor to deforestation and paper mills emit a broad variety of sulfur-based compounds responsible for acid rain.
4. More water goes into manufacturing a ton of paper than a ton of any other material in any other industry.

### **Add to this:**

1. Transportation of trees to paper mills and distribution of newspapers are most often done by FOSSIL-FUELED vehicles.
2. Many newspapers delivered to homes and businesses are wrapped in plastic bags that usually find their way to landfills or bodies of water.
3. It is estimated that about 40% of newspapers are never recycled.

### **Go digital:**

1. Online viewing still has CO2 emissions, but the overall carbon footprint is still lower than that of newsprint.
2. If you do subscribe to a hardcopy newspaper, please make sure you recycle it and try to share with others who would normally subscribe.
3. For those who have access and time, please read at your local library.

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