

Which Toilet Paper is Better - Bamboo or 100% Recycled?

The question on everyone's mind - which is better, Bamboo or Recycled paper? Both are green products and there are great pros for each but the short answer is Bamboo. Fancy the long rational with facts and figures?

Benefits of 100% recycled toilet paper:

1. Conserves natural resources
2. Reduces deforestation
3. Uses 35% less water than making new paper
4. Produces 74% less air pollution than making new paper
5. Saves landfill space
6. Reduces pollution as paper in landfills produces methane greenhouse gases
7. Cheaper than waste-disposal
8. More affordable than bamboo products
9. Fun facts: Recycling one ton of paper can save 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 1438.46 litres of oil, 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space, 4,000 kilowatts of energy (enough to power an average home for six months) and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by one metric ton of carbon equivalent (MTCE).

In summary, 100% recycled is better than 30-50% recycled paper and better than virgin wood paper. It is also the more cost effective than the bamboo paper products that are now widely available on the market. Recycled paper does have limits though. Every time paper is recycled, the fibres become shorter and weaker. In general, paper can be recycled up six times before it must be discarded.

What gives Bamboo paper the edge?

1. Highly renewable as it grows quickly and can be replenished immediately after use
2. Takes up less space
3. No fertilizer or pesticides required to grow
4. Short time frames and easy maintenance avoids overplanting and over consumption
5. Soft
6. Strong
7. Breaks down significantly faster than recycled and virgin wood and naturally decomposes leaving no trace of existence on the planet or on your pipes

In conclusion, there is no doubt that the winner is Bamboo. Across the board, ***bamboo toilet paper*** outperforms other toilet paper options.