

ERPC–Recommendation for paper recycling in the office to be adopted shortly

In the EU too much urban waste ends up in landfill. To fight against this, the ERPC comes up with a new recommendation for paper recycling in the office. The rules set up in this document are:

- Paper is a valuable asset. Please collect it separately!
- Remove non-paper elements that are easy to detach, such as plastic wrapping or testers for lotion in publications, before recycling.
- No need to remove staples, paper clips, or plastic spiral binders from notebooks as the recycling processes are designed to remove them.
- All normal paper envelopes can be recycled, even the ones with windows, but not envelopes with padding.
- Do not shred paper that is not confidential. Shredding damages fibres and is an unnecessary cost for you where security does not require it.
- Do not mix artificial “paper” (sheets made of e.g. plastic polymer) with natural paper.
- Do not recycle anything contaminated with food such as used pizza boxes, plastic-coated paper plates

and cups. Do not mix beverage cartons with other paper.

- Flatten boxes and cartons to save space. This makes transport of the material more sustainable.
- Check national and regional guidance for further details.

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