

Toilet Tissues

I picked this item because we use it every day and wanted to know if I could purchase the most eco friendly brand on the market.

Toilet paper was developed about 1880. I researched how the paper is manufactured and distributed. The paper used is either made from virgin paper which comes from chipped wood which is boiled down or made from recycled paper. The down side to the virgin paper is the use of bleaches which have been identified as a threat to the environment and having to cut down trees. Some companies will replant 5 trees to each one cut down. Recycled paper uses oxygen based products like peroxide but it is less white in color. They all use a recycled cardboard cylinder with glue to wrap the toilet paper around it. The cardboard cylinders are responsible for approximately 160 million lbs. of trash because most consumers toss it out instead of recycling it.

Kimberly-Clark, the makers of Scott tissues, package their toilet paper rolls in large quantities such as 20 rolls and do not individually wrap each roll with paper. They also are developing new techniques for virgin paper to be cooked in the vats without using bleach. they use a combination of recycled paper and virgin paper in their manufacturing. The best information I uncovered is that they are launching a new toilet roll made without the cardboard cylinders. It is called Scott Naturals Tube free toilet paper. It is being distributed to Sam's Club and BJ's to see how the sales do. I will be looking for this product where ever I shop to help the environment. Hoping this catches on and more people will realize that the cylinder tubes are not necessary for toilet paper.

I enjoyed finding the information on this topic and very surprised to read what people used pre 1880's depending on where you lived and how wealthy you were.