

Paper Cups, Recycling Now In Progress

In December 2008 The Paper Cup Recovery and Recycling Group reported a successful paper cup recycling trial in which virtually all the fibre from standard Polyethylene (PE) coated paper cups was successfully extracted and converted into high quality tissue fibre for use in products such as facial and toilet tissues.

The paper mill involved in the trial, pleased with the quality of fibre obtained, asked the Paper Cup Recovery & Recycling Group to consider an on-going paper cup recycling arrangement, providing continuity of supply could be maintained, at a level of at least 10 tonnes per month. To date this has been achieved, helped by the collection of paper by Save-A-Cup.

Over the past two years the Group has been working with several UK paper mills and the Fibre Technology Association to explore local recycling opportunities for paper cups. The Group has also worked to define how best to prepare used paper cups for recycling. In order to continue this work an increasing supply of paper cups is required.

“The Group has taken a fantastic step, but the net challenge is collecting enough used material, a minimum of 120 tonnes through 2009, to maintain continuity of supply to mills. If anyone is already segregating paper cups on site and wants to help the activity of the Group, they should get in touch. It is also important we all promote Save-A-Cups service”, urges Barry Read, consultant for the group.

All paper cups collected by Save-A-Cup will be passed to the Group for recycling. Save-A-Cup can be contacted at:

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