

# PLEASE DO NOT RECYCLE ~~SHREDDED~~ PAPER

## Thank you for recycling as much as possible.

### But please don't recycle shredded paper. Why not?

- Shredding paper cuts fibers into short pieces. Short fibers pass through the paper making process and end up as waste at the mill. Costs increase without recovering significant material.
- Paper mills don't want shredded paper. They may refuse to accept mixed paper bales if it contains too much shredded paper.

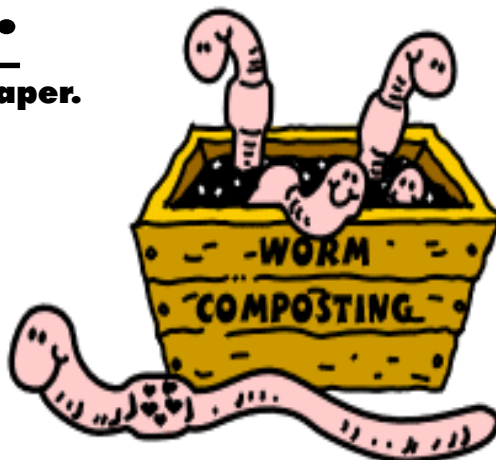
## Try composting instead.

### Compost is the best way to recycle shredded paper.

Mix 2 parts paper with 1 part grass in a compost pile, or use shredded paper as bedding in a worm bin. For complete information about composting give us a call or go to [www.kitsapgov.com/sw/compost.htm](http://www.kitsapgov.com/sw/compost.htm).

### Otherwise, it's just garbage.

If you can't compost, please dispose of shredded paper in your regular garbage. Burning is not an option—State law prohibits burning paper and other household wastes.



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### Need more information?

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