



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
RECYCLED CONTENT NEWSPRINT USAGE EXEMPTION

According to Section 260.255, RSMo., all newspaper publishers in Missouri whose publication averages a daily distribution on days published during the previous calendar year of more than 15,000 copies, who use newsprint in the publication of their product, and who are included in the following definitions must complete the form and return it to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Solid Waste Management Program if an exemption is required.

Newspaper Publisher – a person who exercises control over the newsprint used in the production of a newspaper.

Newspaper – any publication published, printed or distributed in the state of Missouri printed on newsprint excluding supplements as defined below.

Newsprint – uncoated paper of the type generally used for the publication of newspapers. Newsprint includes paper made from old newspapers or other post-consumer waste paper that has been processed into recycled pulp in lieu of virgin pulp. Newsprint includes all grades of paper sold as newsprint.

Post-Consumer Waste Paper – fiber derived from paper which has been recovered from or otherwise diverted from the solid waste stream for the purpose of recycling.

Recycled Content – the proportion of fiber in a newspaper which is derived from post-consumer waste.

Usage – the number of short tons or metric tons of newsprint purchased during the reporting period.

Supplements – printed materials inserted into a newspaper furnished by advertisers or other third parties and printed beyond the control of the newspaper publishers.

How to File:

Use a separate reporting form for each newspaper or publication. This report is due by March 1 for newsprint purchased during the previous calendar year. This report must be filed with Missouri Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

SECTION I - INFORMATION

PUBLICATION NAME		TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE	
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

SECTION II – AVERAGE DAILY DISTRIBUTION ON DAYS PUBLISHED

Total Annual Distribution (no commas)	Number of Days Published Per Year	Average Daily Distribution On Day Published
_____	/ _____	= _____

To determine your publication's average daily distribution on days published, take the total annual distribution and divide by the number of days published during the year. If the average daily distribution on day published is less than 15,000 copies, you do not need to file this report.

SECTION III - EXEMPTIONS

Complete this section if you did not meet the target recycled content use goal. The target recycled content usage for each newspaper publisher for each year shall be: 1993 – 10 percent; 1994 – 20 percent; 1995 – 30 percent; 1996 – 40 percent; 2000, and subsequent years – 50 years. There are only three conditions that exempt a publisher from meeting the recycled content requirements for any reporting period. Select the appropriate exemption or exemptions you claim.

1. An adequate quantity of newsprint meeting the target recycled content goal was not available during the reporting period.

To claim exemption #1 you must submit documentation from your newsprint supplier(s) that you could not obtain enough newsprint to meet the recycled content goal. Submit copies of correspondence between you and at least three newsprint mills, newsprint brokers or other suppliers.

2. Newsprint meeting the recycled content goal was unavailable at a cost not greater than the average delivered cost of newsprint made from virgin pulp purchased during the reporting period.

To claim exemption #2 you must submit copies of invoices, newsprint price quotations and other correspondence from your newsprint supplier(s) showing that newsprint meeting the recycled content goal was unavailable at a cost not greater than the average delivered cost of newsprint made from virgin pulp purchased during the reporting period.

3. The recycled content newsprint that was available during the reporting period did not meet the quality standards as determined by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

To claim exemption #3 you must submit comparative information between recycled content newsprint and virgin content newsprint you have used, documentation of web break caused by lack of tensile strength of recycled content newsprint, newsprint samples documenting color and opaqueness problems of recycled content newsprint, or documentation of other quality problems you may have experienced during the reporting period.

These exemption qualifications entitle you to be eligible for consideration of a waiver by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Additional information may be required by the department in considering your exemption request.

Availability of records are subject to Chapter 610, RSMo.

I certify this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided is true, accurate and complete.

SIGNATURE OR PERSON COMPLETING THE FORM

DATE

PRINT NAME AND TITLE OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO SIGNED ABOVE

SIGNATURE OF PUBLISHER (OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE)

DATE

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