

Greenpeace Shopper's Guide



**Ancient
Forest
Friendly**

Tissue Products



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Why Produce a Shopper's Guide to Tissue Products?

The production of some types of disposable tissue products such as toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissue and napkins is a serious factor in the destruction of Canada's ancient forests.

Over 700,000 tonnes of disposable tissue products are used each year in Canada, much of which is produced from ancient forests. The average Canadian uses about 22kg of these products every year including approximately 100 rolls of toilet paper. If you were to roll out this amount of toilet paper it would extend to about 5 kilometres. Multiply this amount by several million people and you can better understand the impact the production of disposable tissue products has on an ancient forest like the Boreal forest in Canada.

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Greenpeace believes that it is simply wrong that corporations are turning ancient forests into disposable paper products. Ancient forests are literally being flushed down the toilet every day by millions of consumers across Canada. This needs to stop.

As consumers, we have the opportunity and the responsibility to make smart purchasing decisions that help protect our natural environment. One of the best and simplest ways to take action for ancient and endangered forests is to not use or buy disposable tissue products made from destructive logging practices.

Many alternatives to tissue products made from ancient forests exist today. Tissue products made from 100% recycled paper are of equal quality, value, and price and can be bought at most major grocery, health food, and corner stores.

Greenpeace is working with the manufacturers of disposable tissue products to maximize the recycled content of their products. But we need your help – please do your part by using your purchasing power to send a message to the manufacturers of disposable products that refuse to protect ancient forests.



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Greenpeace and Ancient Forests

Throughout the world, ancient forests are in crisis. Many of the plants and animals that live in these forests face extinction. And many of the people and cultures who depend on these forests for their way of life are also under threat. Ten million hectares of ancient forest are being cleared or destroyed every year. That's an area the size of a soccer field every two seconds. In fact ancient forests cover only seven percent of the Earth's land surface; nearly four fifths of all ancient forests have already been lost.

The world's ancient forests are truly diverse. They include boreal, temperate and tropical forests, coniferous and broadleaf forests, rainforests and mangroves. Together they maintain environmental systems that are essential for life on Earth. They influence weather by controlling rainfall and evaporation of water from soil. They help stabilise the world's climate by storing large amounts of



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carbon that would otherwise contribute to climate change. These ancient forests are home to millions of people who depend on them for their survival – both physically and spiritually. These forests also house approximately two-thirds of the world's land-based species of plants and animals.

But the news is not all bad. A final chance remains to protect these forests and the life they support. Greenpeace is working around the world to protect ancient forests through lobbying, science, public education, markets mobilization and peaceful protests. In Canada, we are engaged in a solution process for the Great Bear Rainforest and we are actively working to protect vast expanses of ancient forests like the Boreal. You can begin to do your part by shopping wisely.

If each household in Canada replaced 1 roll of virgin toilet paper with just 1 roll of recycled toilet paper, we could save:

47,962 trees.

3,204 cubic metres of landfill space, equal to 181 full garbage trucks.

65,5 million litres of water, a year's supply for 135 families of four.

Avoid 4,567 kilograms of air and water pollution from manufacturing.

What is the Boreal Forest?

Canada's Boreal forest is an ancient forest that stretches across the country, from Canada's westernmost province to the east coast of the country. It is Canada's largest ecosystem and encompasses almost 53 per cent of the country's total landmass.

The magnificent Boreal forest is part of a green crown, circling the top of the world, extending across far northern Europe, Russia, Alaska and, of course, Canada. Canada's Boreal forest has been evolving for over 10,000 years and is the largest tract of ancient forest left in North America. Almost 80 per cent of the world's original forests have been degraded or completely destroyed, making the protection of the

Boreal forest all the more important. Representing 25 per cent of the world's remaining ancient forests, Canada's Boreal forest is a truly global treasure. It is critical as a carbon storehouse for battling climate change as well as being home to hundreds of wide-ranging wildlife species. Moose, caribou, lynx, bear and wolves depend on the wide Boreal expanses, while eagles, hawks, owls,



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geese and 30 per cent of North America's songbirds and 40 per cent of its waterfowl nest in the forests and wetlands. In fact, nearly 5 billion birds migrate north to breed after wintering in warmer climates. It is a diverse and awe-inspiring landscape of granite outcrops, lakes, rivers, and marshes interspersed with pine, spruce, aspen and poplar forests.

The Boreal forest also contains a rich cultural legacy and is a source of sustenance for indigenous peoples of Canada – First Nations and Métis. Almost 80 per cent of Canada's more than 1-million aboriginal people live in more than 600 communities in Canada's forest regions and many depend on wilderness lands, waters, and wildlife for their livelihood and spiritual well-being. Many northern communities depend on the Boreal forest for employment. It is vitally important that these communities be both economically and ecologically sustainable. Greenpeace believes that these go hand in hand.

Your Right to Know

Greenpeace has produced this Shopper's Guide to give you, the consumer, the information you need to reject products that contribute to ancient forest destruction. As a concerned citizen, you have the right to know what goes into the products you use on a daily basis. Many tissue product companies do not actively advertise the source of their products. We believe that if consumers better understand the link between the destruction of ancient forests and many disposables tissue products, sales of environmentally damaging products will decline and tissue manufacturers will change their ways.

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How We Did It

The information in this guide comes primarily from direct communications between Greenpeace and the manufacturers of disposable tissue products. Manufacturers were asked to audit their supplies and guarantee that their products were ancient forest friendly. Greenpeace volunteers also visited grocery, corner and health food stores across the country to gather information on exactly what products are being sold to consumers. This information has been compiled in this reader-friendly print version of the Shopper's Guide and in an up-to-date and searchable online version available on the greenpeace.ca website.



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A Note on Tricky Recycled Symbols

Recycled symbols on the packaging of disposable tissue products can be confusing. Sometimes these symbols refer only to the plastic packaging or cardboard box rather than the product itself. Other times, the recycled symbol will refer to the cardboard roll in the center of toilet paper or paper towels. It is important to carefully read the text that goes with this symbol to make sure that the tissue product itself is made from recycled fibres! Be an informed consumer, shop wisely.



Products or pulp certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) have been given an environmental stamp of approval. FSC certification is the only guarantee of sustainably managed forests.



How to use this Shopper's Guide

- **GREEN list:** this section lists tissue companies and brands of tissue products for which a manufacturer has ensured that its products:
 - are ancient and endangered forest friendly,
 - have a high recycled and/or alternative fibre content,
 - are produced without chlorine.

The message to consumers is that these products should be preferentially purchased above all other options. *

- **RED list:** this section lists tissue companies and brands of disposable tissue products that contain ancient forest fibres. The message to consumers is that these products are not ancient forest friendly and should definitely be avoided.

*A note on GREEN listed products:

Manufacturers and brands that have made a commitment to maximize the recycled content of their products without delay and introduce Forest Stewardship Council-certified fibres if necessary are listed in the green list.

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Toilet Paper

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Atlantic Packaging

Fiesta
April Soft
Ambiance
Atlantic

Basic Choice

Basics for Less

Best Buy

Cascades* Cascades

Dollarama Fluffs

Dominion/ A&P Equality

Earth Friendly Products

Loblaws/ Sunfresh/ Provigo PC Green

Metro/Briska* Merit Selection Econochoice

Safeway Recycled

Sobeys Smartchoice

Seventh Generation Seventh Generation

Super C* Super C

Twice as Soft

Red

Costco Kirkland Signature

Dominion/ A&P Master Choice

Irving Paper Royale Royale Ultra Royale Kitten Soft Majesta

Jean Coutu Personnelle

Kimberly- Clark Kleenex Kleenex Ultra Soft

Loblaws/ Sunfresh/ Provigo President's Choice (PC) PC Super Soft PC 3 Ply No Name No Name Premium

Procter and Gamble Charmin

Safeway Select Thirsty Select Soft Select Softly

Rexal Soft Touch

Scott Paper Cashmere Cottonelle Cottonelle Ultra White Swan Purex Purex Pillow Soft Scott Premium Soft & Pure Capri

Shoppers Drug Mart/ Pharmaprix Life Life Cuddly Soft

Sobeys Our Compliments

Uniprix Option +

Zellers Truly

Facial Tissue

Green

Cascades*
Cascades

**Seventh
Generation**
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Generation

Red

Dominion/A&P
Equality
Master Choice

Irving Paper
Majesta
Royale
Royale Ultra

Jean Coutu
Personnelle

Kimberly-Clark
Kleenex
Kleenex
Expressions
Kleenex Family
Kleenex Ultra
Kleenex Anti-
Viral

**Loblaws/
Sunfresh/
Provigo**
President's
Choice (PC)
PC plus Lotion
No Name

Metro/Briska
Merit Selection

**Procter and
Gamble**
Puffs
Puffs plus lotion
Puffs Extra
Strength
Puffs Extra Large

Rexal
Rexal

Safeway
Select Softly
Select Soft

Scott Paper
Scotties
Scotties Lotion
Scotties Supreme
White Swan

**Shoppers Drug
Mart/
Pharmaprix**
Life
Life Ultra

Sobeys
Our
Compliments

Super C
Super C

Uniprix
Option +

Paper Towels

Green

Atlantic Packaging
Fiesta
Atlantic

Cascades*
Cascades
Cascades Ultra

**Dominion/
A&P**
Equality

**Earth Friendly
Products**

**Loblaws/
Sunfresh/
Provigo**
PC Green

Metro/Briska*
Econochoice
Merit Selection

Safeway
Recycled

**Seventh
Generation**
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Sobeys
Smartchoice
Jumbo

Super C*
Super C

Red

Costco
Kirkland
Signature

Irving Paper
Royale Premier
Majesta

Jean Coutu
Personnelle

**Loblaws/
Sunfresh**
No Name
PC Ultra
Absorbent

**Procter and
Gamble**
Bounty
Bounty Ultra
Bounty White

Rexall
Soak Up!

Scott Paper
Scot Towels
Scot Towels
Super Mega
Scot Towels
Ultra
Viva
White Swan

**Shoppers
Drug Mart/
Pharmaprix**
Life
Life Extra Strong
Life Thirsty

Sobeys
Our
Compliments

Uniprix
Option +

Napkins

Green

Atlantic Packaging

Atlantic
Champion

Loblaws/ Sunfresh/ Provigo

No Name

Seventh Generation

Seventh
Generation

Super C* Super C

Cascades*

Décor

Metro/Briska*

Econochoice
Merit Selection

Sobeys

Smartchoice

Red

Irving Paper

Royale
Royale Ultra

Loblaws/ Sunfresh/ Provigo

President's
Choice (PC)

Procter and Gamble

Bounty

Shoppers Drug Mart/ Pharmaprix

Life

Kimberly-Clark

Kleenex
Kleenex
Boutique
Kleenex Hi-Dri

Marti Gras

Safeway
Soft Select

Scott Paper

Scott Napkins
White Swan

Sobeys

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Compliments

Kleenex and Kimberly-Clark: Wiping Away Ancient Forests

Kleenex brand tissue products and their manufacturer, Kimberly-Clark, contribute to the destruction of ancient forests.

Kimberly-Clark uses over 2.5 million tonnes of tree pulp each year. That's a lot of clearcut forests! And it only gets worse: less than 19% of the pulp that Kimberly-Clark uses to manufacture the tissue products sold in North America comes from recycled sources. In fact, the Kleenex brand tissue products found in grocery stores across the country contain no recycled fibre whatsoever. Most of it ends up in products used by office buildings, sports stadiums and universities.

Greenpeace is waging a public campaign against Kimberly-Clark because of the company's devastating environmental practices. Help us by:

1 Refusing to buy Kimberly-Clark and Kleenex brand tissue products including facial tissue, toilet paper and napkins.

2 Getting your business or workplace to stop stocking Kimberly-Clark products in its kitchens, cafeterias and washrooms.

3 Telling Kimberly-Clark that you want them to stop wiping away ancient forests to create disposable tissue products. Send a message now at www.kleercut.net.

4 Writing or faxing the CEO of Kimberly-Clark asking him to stop destroying ancient forests: Thomas Falk, CEO Kimberly-Clark, 351 Phelps Drive, Irving, Texas 75038, Fax: 972-281-1490

For more information about Kimberly-Clark's ancient forest destruction and more ways you can help, visit www.kleercut.net.



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Here are a few more ways you can help protect ancient forests every day:

- **Rethink** your use of disposable paper products like facial tissue, paper towels and napkins. Consider using cloth napkins to wipe your hands and cloth towels to wipe up spills. Think about purchasing and using a washable handkerchief to blow your nose instead of facial tissue.
- **Buy Recycled.** When you buy paper products such as toilet paper and office paper make sure they have a high level of post-consumer recycled content – 100% recycled is best.
- Look for the **FSC** (Forest Stewardship Council) logo on wood and paper products. If you cannot find FSC-certified products, then ask your retailer to stock them. FSC is the only guarantee of sustainably managed forests.





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