The Life Cycle of Paper

Extraction

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Manufacturing & Production

The trees come to a factory where they are debarked and chipped into wood chips. The woodchips are cooked with chemicals until they turn into a pulp.

The pulp is then bleached to make it white and chlorine is added to clean the pulp.

Once the pulp is processed, it is refined so that it can be made into paper products. The finished paper products are then transported around the world.

Usage

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Transport

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Packaging

Once the paper is made, it is wound onto a giant roll, where it is then cut up into all the different sizes of paper and packaged.

End of Life

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The cleaned pulp is then placed on a screen to drain the water away and join the fibres together. This is then fed through the heated rollers that press the paper flat and dry.
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