**CORRUGATED PACKAGING RECYCLING SUCCESS**

Corrugated packaging is an extraordinary recycling success story.

**96 PERCENT RECOVERY RATE**

In 2018, the recovery rate for old corrugated containers (OCC) was 96 percent, up from 54 percent in 1993.

1993  2018

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<th>Material</th>
<th>Recovery as Percent of Generation</th>
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Source: 2017 EPM "Advancing Sustainable Materials Management: 2017 Fact Sheet"

**MOST RECOVERED MATERIAL**

More corrugated packaging is recovered for recycling than any other packaging material.

**RECOVERED OCC MAKES MORE BOXES**

Nearly all old corrugated containers (OCC) are used to make new paper products. The average corrugated box contains 50 percent recycled content.

**RECYCLING PROGRAMS ARE EVERYWHERE**

96 percent of Americans have access to community curbside or drop-off corrugated recycling programs.


**INVESTING IN EDUCATION**

The corrugated box industry has made significant investments to educate retailers and consumers on the benefits of recycling corrugated materials.

In 1970, a corrugated company introduced the world to the familiar “chasing arrows” universally recognized as a recycling symbol today.

In 1994, the “Corrugated Recycles” symbol was introduced in the U.S., and today the symbol is present on a majority of corrugated packaging.

For the most up-to-date corrugated industry statistics and information, visit www.corrugated.org. For more information on what makes boxes extraordinary, visit www.boxesareextraordinary.com.