

GreenLeaf print reduction commitment

As the Department of Environment, it is our responsibility to be champions and leaders for environmental change. As we know, even small, simple changes can have real and long-term lasting effects on our environment, ecosystems, and climate change.

One change our department is making is reducing our dependence on paper products by going digital by default.

What does that mean? Well, it means that we ensure the public, our partners and our stakeholders can access digital materials where possible. This applies to all* print products including handouts, brochures, booklets, etc.

Did you know:

- Yukoners recycled 689 tonnes of office/mixed paper in 2022.
- Paper makes up around 10% of all landfilled waste in Whitehorse. (MH, 2021).
- Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 mature trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, and 380 gallons of oil.
- Every ton of paper recycled can save the energy equivalent of 165 gallons of gasoline.
- 17 trees can absorb a total of 250 pounds of carbon dioxide from the air each year.

Over the coming months and years, you may notice an increase in our digital products and services. We will continue to hold ourselves accountable to be good environmental stewards.

The commitments that will get us there:

- We commit to going digital by default.
- We commit to evaluating the volume of print products we produce.
- We commit to using recycled paper.
- We commit to reducing our carbon footprint by reducing the volume of products we print.
- We commit to being leaders in sustainability and environmental change.

**Please note hunting, fishing, and trapping regulations are excluded from this statement.*

