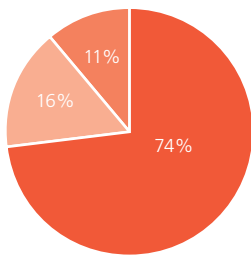


# FIBRE SOURCING PRINCIPLES

We purchase all of the fibre used by our paper and pulp operations from a variety of sources. 90% of our fibre is either leftover or recovered materials.



74% Sawmill wood chips  
16% Recovered Paper  
11% Pulp logs  
Figures do not total 100 due to rounding.



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Catalyst uses both fresh fibre from forests and recycled fibre from waste paper in the manufacture of its products. We do not harvest forests on either public or private lands but instead purchase wood from reputable suppliers. Our Canadian virgin fibre products come from waste wood from sawmills in the form of residual wood chips and pulp logs that are unsuitable for lumber production. Our recycled fibre is derived mostly from post consumer waste papers collected in various metropolitan areas.

## Our Certified Chain of Custody

For those customers to whom environmental sustainability is a key concern, we offer some paper products that contain certified fibre as coming from either sustainability managed forests (under recognized management standards) or from verified post consumer waste sources. We can make these claims because we track our fibre supply through independently verified Chain of Custody systems.

We have implemented chain of custody systems at all of our mills either under the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standard or the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) standard. Both of these programs help identify the pedigree of fibre used in our paper products.

Our Canadian paper mills use the PEFC standard that ensures that fibre comes from well managed forests under recognized forestry standards like CSA and SFI. Our Snowflake recycled mill uses the FSC standard that ensures that the majority of paper fibre is sourced from verified post consumer waste.

Our Chain-of-Custody systems for fibre sourcing are important to us for the following key reasons:

- » As a strong proponent of forest management certification, we are committed to sourcing certified fibre for our products.
- » We place a high value on the conservation of sensitive forest ecosystems.
- » Independent certification helps link our values with those of our customers and environmental partners, such as the World Wildlife Fund.
- » Independent certification provides us with a valuable tool to assure customers that our paper contains wood fibre derived from well-managed forests.
- » These chain of custody systems complement other efforts, including annual declarations from fibre suppliers, which ensure our fibre purchases promote forest stewardship.
- » Our customers often place importance on being able to broadcast the pedigree of the paper they use for their finished products. These systems allow on product labeling using the PEFC, SFI or FSC label standards.