

Alternative Email Footers

Information Sheet

It is common to see email footers with negative and misleading statements on the environmental impacts of print and paper. Messages such as, 'Think before you print', or, 'Do you really need to print this email it will harm the environment', ignore the unique sustainable properties of paper.

Statements like these are hugely damaging to the print and paper industry, which employs 1,096,000 people across 115,700 businesses in the EU.

The Facts

Despite common belief, forests in Europe, from which your paper is made are growing in size, the equivalent of 1,500 football pitches every day.¹ Young, growing and expanding forests help the environment by absorbing CO₂ from the atmosphere and many other benefits like Biodiversity. We have an enviable recycling rate of 72% (84% for paper packaging)² which is higher than all other materials, glass, metal and plastic.

Research also shows that consumers prefer to receive complicated documents and bills in printed format, and they absorb information better.³

So, if you need a convenient and permanent copy of emails don't feel guilty about printing but, please, ensure you recycle.

Here are some alternative more positive email footers you may want to consider using;



Print and paper is renewable, sustainable and powerful.
If you print, please recycle.



Printed emails create a permanent and sustainable record but please ensure all wastepaper is recycled.



Responsibly Produced Print and Paper is Renewable, Recyclable, and Powerful.
For more information visit www.twosides.info



Yes, it's ok to print your emails – but please recycle wastepaper.



Responsibly produced paper has unique environmental features. It is highly recyclable and comes from a renewable resource.
If you print, please recycle.

Sources

1. FAO data, 2005-2020.
2. European Paper Recycling Council, Monitoring Report, 2018.
3. Two Sides, Print and Paper in a Digital World, 2017.

About Two Sides

Founded in 2008, Two Sides is a not-for-profit, global initiative promoting the unique sustainable and attractive attributes of print, paper and paper packaging.

The Two Sides campaign is a collaboration of companies from sectors including forestry, pulp and paper manufacturing, inks, pre-press, press, finishing, publishing, printing, envelopes and postal operators.

Two Sides operates throughout Europe, North America, South America, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.



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