

Augusta Newsprint Co.

Chances are the local daily newspaper you receive at your home is printed on paper manufactured by Augusta Newsprint Company in Augusta, Georgia. Since 1966, the Company, currently owned and operated by AbitibiBowater Inc., has been providing high quality newsprint of all weights to customers throughout the Southeastern United States, and in various export markets.

Augusta Newsprint is an important end-user of the recycled newsprint collected by consumers across the Southeast. Each year, the plant processes approximately 180,000 tons of recycled fiber, filling more than one quarter of the plant’s total fiber needs. Old newspapers are processed into pulp, deinked and added to virgin fiber to create newsprint with recycled content, possessing the same strength and brightness as virgin newsprint, and with a smaller environmental footprint.

The manufacture of recycled newsprint also makes an important economic contribution to Georgia’s economy. Augusta Newsprint directly employs 322 employees, contributing over \$36 million in pay and benefits and \$5.8 million in taxes to the state and local economies. In addition, the plant pays over \$100 million per year for materials, goods and services, provided by local and regional suppliers that indirectly support another 780 jobs.

Augusta Newsprint’s commitment to sustainability extends beyond the use of recycled fiber. All virgin wood used in the process is harvested from certified sustainably managed forests. Very low levels of carbon emissions are generated by the mill because of its ability to self-generate steam from process waste and biomass. And the mill continues to look for opportunities to recycle or reuse mill wastes. In June 2011, the Company announced a \$31 million investment to further improve the quality of paper manufactured on its paper machines.

Key Facts

- Employees: 322
- Payroll & Benefits: \$36.4M
- Indirect Jobs Supported: over 780
- Materials & Services Purchased: \$101M
- Taxes Paid: \$5.8M
- Product: Newsprint
- Capacity: 424,500 metric tons/yr

Today, Augusta Newsprint remains a highly productive operation and an important contributor to the economy of Augusta and the state of Georgia. For more information about Augusta Newsprint Company please contact Roxie Lassetter, Human Resources Manager, at rlassetter@abitibibowater.com.



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Augusta Newsprint Co. Recycle Warehouse