Common Waste Paper Grades

Low Grades (Mixed/Contaminated)

1. Mixed Paper (MP)

o A mixture of various paper types, e.g., magazines, junk mail, office paper, etc.

2. Sorted Residential Paper (SRP)

o Better sorted than mixed paper, includes newspapers, magazines, and catalogs.

3. Newspaper (ONP - Old Newspapers)

• Typically post-consumer newspaper with minimal contamination.

4. Magazines (OMG – Old Magazines)

o Glossy magazines, catalogues, and similar printed matter.

5. Telephone Directories (DIR)

Outdated phone books or similar thin printed materials.

Medium Grades (Better Sorted/Cleaner)

6. Sorted Office Paper (SOP)

• White copier/printer paper, envelopes (without plastic), letterheads, etc.

7. Coloured Ledger (CL)

o Colored writing paper, usually from offices or print shops.

8. White Ledger (WL)

o High-grade white paper with little or no printing; cleaner than SOP.

High Grades (Deinked or Unprinted)

9. Hard White Shavings (HWS)

o Unprinted white paper shavings from printing presses.

10. Soft White Shavings (SWS)

• Lightly printed or unprinted white shavings from bindery or print shops.

11. Manifold White Ledger (MWL)

• Thin, white, high-quality paper used for forms and records.

12. Coated Book Stock (CBS)

Paper from books with coated paper pages, minimal cover contamination.

Specialty or Industrial Grades

13. Boxboard Cuttings (BBC)

- New boxboard trimmings from manufacturing.
- 14. Old Corrugated Containers (OCC)
- Used cardboard boxes, commonly used in packaging.
- 15. Double Sorted OCC (DS OCC)
- Higher quality OCC, sorted to remove contaminants.
- 16. Kraft (DLK Double Lined Kraft)
- Brown paper from corrugated boxes, bags, or sheets.

Pulp Substitutes (Very High Grade)

17. Printer's Offcuts

• Unused, high-quality printing paper.

18. Tissue Trim

• Trimmings from tissue manufacturing (toilet paper, napkins).

19. Tab Card Stock

High-grade punched cards and similar items from data processing.