

## Media Facts

- The average household receives approximately 19 bills and statements and makes approximately 7 payments in paper form per month.
- By switching to electronic bills, statements, and payments, the average household would:
  - Save 6.6 pounds of paper
  - Avoid producing 171 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions. Saving this amount of greenhouse gas emissions is the equivalent of:
    - The emissions avoided by not driving 169 miles
    - The emissions avoided by not consuming 8.8 gallons of gasoline
    - Planting 2 tree seedlings and allowing them to grow for 10 years
    - Preserving 24 square feet of forestland
  - Avoid releasing 63 gallons of wastewater into the environment
  - Avoid using 4.5 gallons of gasoline to mail bills, statements, and payments
- If 20 percent of households switch to electronic bills, statements, and payments, the collective impact would:
  - Save 150,939,615 pounds of paper
  - Save 1,811,275 trees
  - Avoid producing 3,920,802,916 pounds (1,960,402 tons) of greenhouse gas emissions. Saving this amount of greenhouse gas emissions is the equivalent of:
    - The emissions avoided by not driving 3,861,769,517 miles
    - Taking 325,722 cars off the road
    - The emissions avoided by not consuming 200 million gallons of gasoline
    - Planting 45.6 million tree seedlings and allowing them to grow for 10 years
    - Preserving 12,405 acres of forestland
  - Avoid creating 1,439,601,370 gallons of wastewater
  - Avoid creating enough wastewater to fill 2,180 Olympic-size swimming pools
  - Avoid filling 8,597,328 household garbage bags with trash
  - Avoid filling 6,141 garbage trucks with trash
  - Avoid using 102,945,600 gallons of gasoline to mail payments

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