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Paper Shavings

What started as a search for a readily available, affordable, alternative to wood shavings and straw for bedding, resulted in the manufacture of a product that is not only economical to use, ecologically responsible, but also provides a healthy environment for the horse. Paper Shavings are made from uncirculated directory waste paper, ground into small pieces, processed through a vacuum system and compressed in polyethylene bags for ease in handling and storage. It is highly rated in the factors to consider when choosing a bedding.



**12 Cu Ft
Compressed
to
3.5 Cu Ft**

Paper Shavings are great for all the animals in your life. Rabbits, Sheep, Goats, Calves, Llamas, Show Pigs, Guinea Pigs, Hamsters, Mice, Rodents and Birds!!



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Paper Shavings Animal Bedding



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The Choice of Champions



Superior Absorbency

Paper Shavings bedding is more than twice as absorbent as straw and four to six times greater than wood shavings. This is significant because if urine can be completely absorbed, it can be completely removed from the stall, therefore reducing ammonia odors. This may also be beneficial to foals kept in stalls for extended periods of time who run a risk of ammonia toxicity, ie. lung damage, due to high levels of ammonia. Horses also tend to remain cleaner since the absorbent paper draws the moisture away from the animal.

Respiratory & Allergy Concerns

Paper Shavings are virtually dust free and weed free so allergies to dust, fungal spores and pollens are eliminated. Horses fed hay on the ground in their stalls may inhale the allergens and mold spores found in straw and wood shavings. Not so with paper bedding. Horses that have dermatological reactions to other bedding materials or are suffering from respiratory problems many times use paper bedding with good results.



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Toxicity

Paper Shavings are a relatively sterile product. Paper has been proven to be non toxic to animals and plants. Inks currently being used are vegetable oil based so pose no toxicity threat should the animal consume it. Paper is free from phenols and acids found in wood bedding products. Studies also reveal that paper does not actively support the growth of bacterial pathogens until contaminated. Many satisfied users also have found that they have lower levels of fly populations when using Paper Shavings.

Disposal & Composting

Paper Shavings may be disposed of the same way as straw or wood shavings with more benefit. It contains organic matter that is equal or superior in fertilizing soils. In a manure mixture, it decomposes rapidly when composted or spread on fields. Research found that on fields where paperbedded manure had been applied for over eight years, there was no build up of heavy metals and showed lower levels from paper bedding than from straw bedding. It is highly desired for vermicomposting.

Particle Size

Paper Shavings are ground into small pieces 1/2" to 1 1/2" in size. The size is relevant to the superior absorbency as well as the quicker composting. The small pieces fluff easily making in easier to clean, and also provide excellent cushion and insulation on hard surfaces. In this form, it is also suitable for all types of animals, pets and birds.



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Economical

One bag of Paper Shavings is comparable to 1 1/2 to 2 bags of wood shavings. It also lasts longer than traditional bedding in a well managed stall. Since prices vary around the country, there can be as high as a 40% cost savings over traditional bedding. Since you use less, it is more economical.

Availability

We have a consistent, readily available, year round supply of the paper from which Paper Shavings are manufactured. With our suppliers, we have peace of mind that there is no outside contamination in the product that we make. Wood shavings and straw can be limited in supply as well as quality at certain times of the year.