

## When Your Paper Wrinkles While Printing

If your paper tends to wrinkle while printing, the probable cause is that your inkjet printer is flooding the paper with ink. There are two things that you can do to reduce this problem.

First, you should **avoid plain xerography-grade paper** and use coated inkjet paper instead. The coating helps dry the ink and keeps it on the page surface instead of letting the ink permeate the paper fibers. Coated papers will also make the image appear a little brighter.

In addition, you can set your printer options to use less ink. In some cases, this may simply be a matter of selecting the printer's economy (sometimes called draft) mode in the printer Properties dialog box. (The name of this setting and where to find it will vary among printer types.) However, many modern inkjet printers provide a more detailed set of printer preferences that can actually adjust the ink appropriately based on the paper type. If your printer includes this capability, be sure to tell the printer what type of paper you are using. Always refer to the instructions that accompany your inkjet printer to learn about specific image quality options.

Another possible cause for wrinkled paper may be traced back to the **rollers** that feed the paper through the printer. It is possible that these rollers may become coated with ink, thus creating an uneven slick surface. A gentle cleaning of the rollers using a damp soft cloth just might fix the problem.

A bonus hint: If you are using heavy card stock paper (110 pound) or photo paper, most printers work best if you feed the paper one sheet at a time.