

How Office Depot's GreenerOffice™ Program Can Save You Time, Money and Energy, Literally

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Making your business greener is a laudable goal, but sometimes, it may feel like one more chore on an already full plate. And, since there is no universal definition for what constitutes a 'green product,' deciding just how to redress your company's environmental footprint may stress you out.

Here's some good news: It's not going to be as hard as you think, and Office Depot has your back. Not only does our GreenerOffice™ program include thousands of greener products across almost every office category, but going green will save you green.



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Despite the belief that green products always cost more, many of Office Depot's greener product offerings – including ink and toner cartridges, filing products, writing instruments, cardboard boxes and more – are often less expensive than their non-green counterparts. In fact, our greenest choice of ink and toner is actually the least expensive option, saving you money immediately on checkout.

Other green options save you money over time. Consider investing in LED light bulbs and lamps for a triple savings: time-, energy- and cost-savings. Not only do LEDs consume up to 80 percent less energy than an old-school incandescent bulb, they can last up to 25 years. That means you and your staff will spend a lot less time changing them, as well. And, with June 2014 figures from the U.S. Department of Energy showing a nationwide average of around 10 cents per kilowatt-hour for commercial users, LEDs can offer you a huge cost savings – up to \$140 over the LED bulb's lifetime.

Reducing waste can also help you save – or even make money. Through our toner and ink cartridge recycling program, for example, you can avoid waste by simply requesting free prepaid boxes to collect cartridges at your workplace. Once they're full, just send them back to us using the pre-labelled boxes. Not only will you help reduce the millions of pounds of plastic and metal going into landfills, you'll be rewarded with money back on qualifying ink and toner cartridges.

Office Depot has even given thought to the way orders arrive at your door. If breaking down and recycling endless quantities of corrugated cardboard is not one of your favorite pastimes, our GreenerOffice™ Delivery Service will appeal to you. Instead of the traditional format of boxes stuffed with air-pillow packaging, many Office Depot orders now arrive in padded envelopes or convenient paper bags. The bags come with sturdy handles and are well-enough made for repeated use, or you can simply recycle them. For protection in transit, your bags are shipped in sturdy, green reusable plastic totes.

Our online Greener Office storefront has thousands more products and services designed to help you save resources, energy, money and time, energy and money. Visit frequently, and feel free to ask us how we can help you be greener, faster.

References

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