



# What can I do to make my office greener?

Here are some tips on what you can do to minimize your impact on the environment.

### PURCHASE

- Purchase office supplies and furniture that contain recycled and non-toxic content to conserve natural resources and reduce waste
- Purchase Energy Star<sup>®</sup> equipment and enable energy savings features on computers

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## REDUCE

- ✓ Double-side all printed and copied materials
- Limit what you print and scan what you can
- ✓ Turn off lights when not in use and use natural lighting when possible
- Activate the power down features in Energy Star<sup>®</sup> computers and monitors to enter into a low-power or sleep mode when not in use
- $\checkmark$  Turn off computers and office equipment at the end of every workday
- Unplug equipment (e.g., phone chargers, radios, coffee makers) when not in use since they continue to drain energy when left plugged in
- ✓ Use compact fluorescent lights
- Use the stairs instead of the elevator

# REUSE

- ✓ Use durable reusable plates, cups, and utensils
- Carpool, bike, or use mass transit to commute to/from work (http://www.baltometro.org/content/view/42/80/)

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#### RECYCLE

- ✓ Paper, binders, folders, catalogs, boxes, bottles, cans, batteries, electronics
- ✓ Toner and inkjet cartridges
- Donate used furniture and electronics through the Property Utilization Branch (and notify your Property Custodial Officer)

(http://olao.od.nih.gov/GovernmentProperty/DisposingOfProperty/)

#### REBUY

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 Purchase quality furniture and electronics that are no longer needed through the Property Utilization Branch (and notify your Property Custodial Officer) (http://olao.od.nih.gov/GovernmentProperty/AcquiringProperty/ReutilizationSurplusScreening/)

www.nems.nih.gov/baltimore

