



# What Does It Cost to **Go Green** in Your Workplace?

People are becoming more aware than ever about how their lifestyle choices affect the environment. In the workplace, efforts to go green are building momentum, with many businesses making changes to ensure energy-efficient and eco-friendly offices. But where do you start? And for how much? The good news is that it is neither difficult nor expensive to go green in the workplace. In fact, in the long run, your organization could actually save money by launching environmentally sustainable workplace initiatives.

## Green Office Supplies>>

### Printing paper

Recycled	\$15.80
Non-Recycled	\$11-\$20

### Scissors

Recycled	\$6.86
Non-Recycled	\$3-\$9

### Pencils

Recycled	\$0.64
Non-Recycled	\$0.67

### 1-inch binders

Recycled	\$2.65-\$4.50
Non-Recycled	\$3.70-\$6.60

### Bookcases (3 shelves, 40"H)

Recycled	\$119 (metal)
Non-Recycled	\$126-\$150 (metal)
Non-Recycled	\$140-\$150 (wood)

### Bathroom tissue

Recycled	\$66.76 (40 rolls)
Non-Recycled	\$55.15 (48 rolls)

## Power Strips>>

Plug all of your desk's electrical cords into one power strip, and turn the strip off in the evening to conserve energy!  
\$5-\$25

## Energy-Efficient Lighting>>

Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) use 50 to 80 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer; a 22-watt CFL has about the same output as a 100-watt incandescent.  
\$8.99 for a 13-watt CFL

Light-emitting diodes (LEDs) are durable and last 133 times longer than incandescent bulbs; they can be bought as single bulbs or in clusters.  
\$40 for a single bulb (30LD, replacing a 25-watt incandescent)

## Printing/Copying/Scanning>>

Black-and-white "all-in-ones" are the most energy and waste efficient. One machine functions as a printer, copier, and scanner.  
\$299-\$10,000 for high-volume work

Printer and copier alone  
\$449-\$2,299

Scanner alone  
\$299-\$3,999

Fax machine alone  
\$69-\$129

## Green Cleaning Products>>

Comparable to prices for regular, toxic cleaning supplies  
\$5-\$10

## Power Watt Tester>>

Allows you to see how much energy your office equipment is using  
\$15-\$25

## Recycling Containers>>

(prices are per unit)

Desk side bins  
\$8-\$15

Boxes (20"Lx15.5"Wx13.5"H)  
\$18

10- to 20-gallon containers  
\$18-\$30 (not including lids)

28- to 40-gallon containers  
\$35-\$60 (not including lids)

## Lifestyle Changes>>

Take the stairs instead of the elevator.  
\$0

Be mindful of water and energy consumption; conserve whenever possible.  
\$0

When drying hands, use one paper towel instead of two.  
\$0

Carpool to and from work or use public transportation if possible.  
\$0

Eliminate unnecessary work travel.  
\$0



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