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Greening Your Office

...one tip at a time!

We care about the environment and we know you do too. Your office is a great place to make little changes that make a big difference. Here are some ideas to help you do just that. Provided monthly by R.E.A.P.S., we hope they inspire you to create change!

GREEN TIP #105:
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Save Water With Every Flush!

Save water every time you flush your office toilet.

Sustainability Task: Insert a 2L pop bottle or milk jug filled with water (and some stones to help it sink) in the toilet tanks in your office building.

If the jug you are using to displace the water is 2L in volume, you save two litres of water per flush.



For example, an office of 15 people, with an average of 4 flushes each per day, saves 60L of water per day. That saves 300L of water in a work week, and 15,600L of water in a year!

Only 3% of the water on earth is fresh water. 69% of that is tied up in permanent ice. This means only 31% of the freshwater on earth is accessible to us through groundwater, streams, lakes and wetlands. **It is imperative that we conserve as much freshwater as possible, and preserve the high quality of water we are fortunate to have in Prince George so we have freshwater for decades to come.**



Save water in your bathroom sinks by installing a low-flow faucet aerator. This can be easily done on your own, simply look up how to install a low-flow faucet aerator online. To really go for the gusto, and go for a water-free toilet, check in to composting toilets.

Bonus: Encourage your office maintenance person to not clean your washrooms with toxic, poisonous chemicals! A simple toilet bowl cleaner: pour 1 cup of white vinegar in the toilet bowl. Let stand 5 minutes. Brush and flush. OR sprinkle baking soda around the inside of the toilet bowl and scrub with toilet brush.

Do you have any questions or suggestions? Call or email us at green_solutions@reaps.org!