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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 #52:

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## *Search in the Darkness*

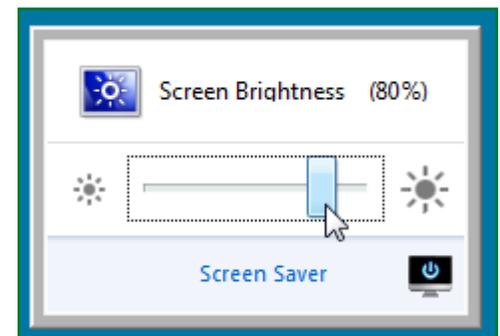


Where would you go if you needed to find something, perhaps Google? Why not try Blackle. Blackle is a search engine powered by Google Custom Search, so you get the same great responses, but use less energy.

The idea behind Blackle is that the black screen requires your computer to use less energy than if the screen was white. While there is much debate about the amount of savings that truly occurs, certain monitors have a constant backlight resulting in roughly the same amount of energy being used regardless of the background colour, the idea of Blackle stays bright.

Blackle cites it's aim as being a reminder to it's users to changes that everywhere, whether that be at the office or at home, to help lower your energy use.

You can help your monitor save energy by lowering the brightness. Often monitors have an automatic setting that results in a very bright screen. However normally the brightness can be lowered with out changing your ability to see. While you might notice a change in the lower brightness, give it a moment. Often your eyes will adjust to the lower brightness quickly. You can also set your brightness to lower after so many minutes of in activity. Regardless of how, look for ways to lower the amount of power that your screen uses and help your office lower its use of energy!



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