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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 #55:

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## *Once the Magic Smoke has Left*

Computers are used everyday in offices, even this tip was made on a computer, but where does your computer go once you are finished with it? If it is still in working order, electronics can be donated so that others can make use of them, however if your computer, or any other electronics, has reached the end of its life it is important to make sure that it is recycled properly.



Electronics contain a variety of materials that are harmful to both people and the environment making it all the more important to ensure that they do not end up in the landfill where these harmful products can become a problem. While recycling them is the clearly the best choice not all recyclers are alike.

In BC, electronics that are recycled under the provincial stewardship plan through Encorp are not sent overseas and are recycled in a environmentally safe manner.

However, there are some private companies, not all, that send their electronic waste

overseas in order to gain a higher profit. The problem with sending electronics overseas is that not all countries adhere to the same standards and some areas electronic waste is becoming a hazard for both citizens and the surrounding environment. If your business is recycling its electronics privately make sure that it is being done so responsibly and safely.



*Do you have any questions or suggestions? Call or email us at [green\\_solutions@reaps.org](mailto:green_solutions@reaps.org)!*

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