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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!

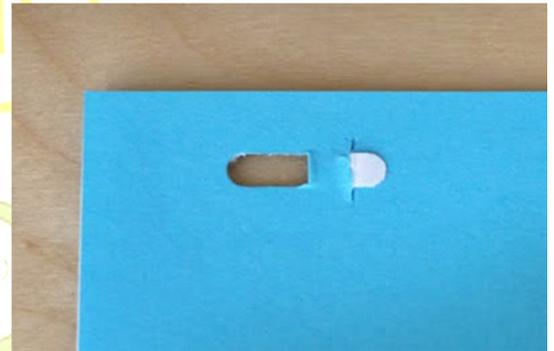
GREEN TIP #58:

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Staple-free Staplers

Staples. They are small and insignificant, yet every office desk needs a stapler. Whether you have had to staple a report to hand in or painstakingly remove one by hand, we have all come to appreciate the job staples do. When they fall unseen on the carpet, disappearing into an abyss of fibres we say, "Oh well." It is after all just a staple. However, a titanic amount of them are ending up in landfills on an annual basis where like so many before them, they refuse to biodegrade. So end their steely reign by purchasing an eco-friendly stapleless stapler.

The staple-free stapler works by stitching the paper together by punching a small hole in the pages. Instead of removing the punched-out hole, the paper remains fastened on one side and is folded back into a tab. The tab is then securely tucked into a slit created by the stapler. Talk about origami!



Not only is a staple-free stapler environmentally friendly by reducing the amount of metallic waste created, but it also reduces the energy used that goes into their production. It is also easier on your pocket as you do not have to repeatedly keep ordering staples for your staple guzzler of a stapler. Paper shredders will thank you for not feeding them metal staples that so commonly cause timely inconveniences in shredding. And last, but not least, say good-bye to staple jams, accidental snags of sweaters and fingers, and a greatly reduced amount of hassle in pulling apart the pages.



For the style-conscious office worker, they also come in a variety of colours to suit your mood.

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