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# Greening Your Office

## Tips by Email

Attention: **Office Staff**

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### **GREEN TIP #7:**

### *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 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 freshwater. 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, swamps, and marshes. Current oil spill events notwithstanding, we are polluting our water systems at an alarming rate. **It is imperative that we save the little freshwater we have left, and preserve the high quality of water we are fortunate to have in Prince George.**

### **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.

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