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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 #70:

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## Here We Come Round the Coffee Grounds

Coffee. We hear a lot about coffee. What kinds we should buy, how we should drink, and what can do with its grounds, but what can you do about the packaging? Currently coffee bags, those that are a mixture of plastic and metal, and single use coffee pods are not accepted for recycling in BC. However, if you and your business want to lower your garbage and save these products from the landfill there is another option available!



Terracycle is an American based recycling company which collects difficult to recycle products and packaging and turns them into new products. Interested parties order a box from Terracycle place the appropriate materials within and mail it back. There are a number of boxes available including ones for coffee pods and coffee bags! If your business is interested in following this option, more information can be found at their website:

<http://zerowastebboxes.terracycle.com/>

If Terracycle is outside of your business' resources you can help out the environment by lowering the amount of packaging you have to throw away. Buy coffee in bulk and look into reusable coffee pods that can be used many times. Your morning pick me up does not have to be a downer for the Earth!



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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