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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 #90:

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## Earth-friendly Furnishings

There are several characteristics to look for when shopping for earth-friendly furniture. Just because something is earth-friendly, it doesn't mean it is expensive! In many cases it will be cheaper upfront and/or cheaper in the long run! Here are a few characteristics to watch out for:

- **Refurbished:** old furniture that has been fixed up and made to look rustic, vintage, distressed or simply 'new'. The photo on the right shows an office desk before and after refurbishing.
- **Used:** furniture in good condition that has been found through a buy and sell website, second-hand store, garage sale or thrift store.
- **Recycled:** furniture that is made out of recycled materials. This furniture should also be non-toxic and easily disassembled so when it is time to get rid of it, it can be easily taken apart and sorted into the appropriate groups for further recycling. The lounge chair shown to the right is made 100% out of recycled cork.



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