

Facilities and Transportation

Building/Maintenance

- ♦ Encourage the building manager to install reusable air filters in your building's heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system
- ♦ Use longer-lasting light bulbs, such as green tip fluorescent tubes
- ♦ Remember that compact fluorescent light bulbs are considered hazardous waste and must be properly disposed of. (*See Hazardous Waste 4R Reference*)
- ♦ During renovation, reuse good building materials in other areas of the facility
- ♦ Look in the ReDirectory for places to donate unwanted used materials
- ♦ Consider using salvaged and other green building materials during renovations (Significant Elements is a local retailer of salvaged building materials)

Furniture

- ♦ Repair furniture before discarding old and buying new
- ♦ Refinish and reupholster damaged or dated furniture
- ♦ Purchase old or unused furniture and equipment from other businesses, employees or charitable organizations
- ♦ Donate used furniture to other small businesses and local organizations
- ♦ When buying new, look into low-VOC furniture to reduce the use of toxins

Yard Waste

- ♦ Leave grass clippings on the lawn to protect against moisture loss, provide a natural fertilizer, and save money
- ♦ Replace mowed landscaping with ground cover
- ♦ Create mulch by chipping garden clippings
- ♦ Compost collected yard waste
- ♦ Limited amounts of yard waste may be brought to the Tompkins County RSWC for composting during regular hours
- ♦ Use compost and organic fertilizers instead of chemicals when treating the lawn
- ♦ Use boiling water, salt, or vinegar to kill weeds in walkways and driveways instead of pesticides--- consult, www.fingerlakesbuygreen.org, to learn more about alternatives to traditional pest management methods

Transportation

- ♦ Lease or rent automobiles when there is not a constant need for these vehicles
- ♦ Buy used vehicles when possible
- ♦ Make repairs to current vehicles rather than buying new
- ♦ Donate running and non-running vehicles to local organizations
- ♦ Purchase new, efficient vehicles
- ♦ Conduct a lifecycle cost analysis when purchasing a new vehicle