

FOREVERGREEN NEWSLETTER

Bentall Kennedy's ForeverGreen commitments include energy efficiency and carbon emission reductions, waste diversion, water conservation, and a healthy workplace.

We have created this tenant resource to provide monthly information and inspiration for a clean, greener place to work.

TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE FOREVERGREEN.



OUR COMMITMENT + YOUR INVOLVEMENT

FOREVERGREEN





MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

ASSESS IF THE UNWANTED DEVICE COULD BE SOLD OR GIVEN AWAY.

ASSESS WHETHER SOME GOOD WORKING PARTS COULD BE SALVAGED FOR REUSE OR REFURBISHMENT.

RECYCLE THE DEVICE THROUGH A REPUTABLE ELECTRONICS RECYCLER. MOST MUNICIPALITIES HAVE E-WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAMS IN PLACE WHICH ENSURE THAT OLD ELECTRONICS ARE RECYCLED PROPERLY.



TAKE IT FURTHER!

Make it easier for your co-workers to recycle their old electronics. Organize an e-waste drive at your workplace and schedule a pick-up from a responsible collector. Check with your property management, as they may already conduct regular pick-ups.

E-WASTE: THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

DON'T TRASH IT! ELECTRONIC WASTE CAN BE RECYCLED AND TURNED INTO SOMETHING NEW.

It seems like every few months there is a new gadget that is faster and cooler than the last one. But just because an electronic item is out of date does not mean it is worthless. Electronics are filled with reusable materials like plastics, rare earth metals and precious metals which can be recycled through a process called urban mining.

Consider this: according the Ontario Electronic Stewardship, one tonne of recycled smart phones yields 324 times more gold than the same weight in ore from a traditional mine.





MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

REDUCE: THE BEST WAY TO REDUCE WASTE IS TO ONLY BUY ITEMS YOU REALLY NEED.

REUSE: SET UP A CENTRAL REUSE STATION IN YOUR WORKPLACE TO MAKE THINGS LIKE SCRAP PAPER AND OTHER REUSABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES AVAILABLE.

RECYCLE: TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR WORKPLACE RECYCLING PROGRAM AND ENSURE THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ARE AWARE OF WHAT CAN AND CANNOT BE RECYCLED. IF YOU ARE UNSURE, CHECK WITH YOUR PROPERTY MANAGER.



TAKE IT FURTHER!

Waste reduction week is October 19-25, 2015. Groups and individuals from across Canada will be celebrating by rethinking, reducing, reusing and recycling.

Proclaim waste reduction week at work and hold an employee event (e.g. a lunch and learn) to get everyone excited about going green!

FOR MORE INFO VISIT:
WWW.WRWCANADA.COM



DON'T BE TRASHY

RECYCLE RIGHT BY MAKING SURE THAT EVERYTHING GETS SORTED INTO ITS PROPER BIN!

The everyday activities of business, organizations and employees can create a significant amount of corporate waste. Improving your office waste management can have positive impacts on the environment since waste that is sent to landfill creates harmful land, water and air pollution and damages natural habitats.

In 2014, the average waste diversion rate across Bentall Kennedy office building was 52%. While above average, there is still a lot of room for improvement, as some office buildings have found it possible to achieve waste diversion rates of over 90%!



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

IT CAN BE HARD TO REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN MUG ALONG TO THE CAFE. START BY GETTING IN THE HABIT OF LEAVING YOUR REUSABLE MUG WHERE YOU'LL MOST USE IT.

JUST LIKE THE TRANSITION FROM PLASTIC BAGS TO REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS, SOMETIMES IT'S EASIER TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE TO MAKE THE NEW HABIT STICK.

WHEN CHOOSING YOUR NEW CUP LOOK FOR WELL-MADE, WELL-DESIGNED AND SAFE-TO-USE PRODUCTS - A REUSABLE COFFEE CUP SHOULD PROVIDE YEARS OF USE.



TAKE IT FURTHER!

Have you collected a stash of reusable mugs over the years? Rather than letting them collect dust, offer one up to a java loving co-worker or family member so that they too can begin to kick their disposable coffee cup habit.



CUTE CUP-LE

PLANNING A COFFEE DATE WITH YOUR FAVOURITE JAVA? REMEMBER TO BRING ALONG YOUR REUSABLE MUG!

Each year North Americans throw away billions of disposable coffee cups – not recycled, they end up in the landfill. That is a huge chunk of waste that's really easy to eliminate by simply committing to (and remembering to) use a reusable mug for your morning coffee or tea.

Many coffee shops offer discounts to customers that bring their own mugs (at Starbucks, it's a 10 cent discount). More importantly, though, by switching from paper cups to reusable mugs, you'll help save paper, reduce chlorine used to bleach cups and lessen your contribution to landfills.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

FIND OUT IF YOUR COMPANY HAS A VOLUNTEER OR DONATION PROGRAM IN PLACE. IF IT DOES, GET INVOLVED!

SUGGEST A TEAM BUILDING VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY TO HELP MORALE AND HELP THOSE IN NEED.

THINK ABOUT WHICH CHARITABLE CAUSES YOU FEEL MOST STRONGLY ABOUT AND MAKE A DONATION.



TAKE IT FURTHER!

Thank you for your interest and involvement in ForeverGreen! As 2015 wraps up we're excited for what is to come next year! In 2016 we will continue to participate in some fun events including Sweater Day, Earth Hour and Earth Day and focus on reducing our collective impact across the buildings we manage.

Has your organization established a Green Team recently? If so, we can provide additional resources and support materials to help you go further.



GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE

HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. GET INVOLVED IN DONATION DRIVES OR TAKE SOME TIME OUT TO VOLUNTEER AT A LOCAL CHARITY.

The communities we live in impact our lives more than any other place in the world and choosing to support your local community has many positive benefits. Giving locally allows us to see firsthand how our gifts are being put to work (for example, you can volunteer on site and talk directly with people who are impacted). Local non-profits also have a positive economic impact by employing members of the community.

While there are many worthy causes both at home and abroad, don't forget to think local. In the end, giving locally improves our quality of life and helps build a stronger community.





JOIN US ON OUR SUSTAINABILITY JOURNEY!

Join Bentall Kennedy's new and exciting sustainability program, **Destination ForeverGreen!**

Through **Destination ForeverGreen**, we hope to inspire positive action and amplify our collective force. The online platform allows you to create a personalized sustainability plan, while connecting you with co-workers and others in the building around initiatives that matter most to you. Users earn points, achievements and rewards for participation, turning the topic of sustainability into a fun and engaging initiative with impact!

Over 950 building occupants have registered and completed actions equating to savings of:

-  As much CO₂ as taking 14 cars off the road for a year
-  Enough energy to power New York City for 86 seconds
-  Enough water to fill 3052 bathtubs
-  3 dumpsters worth of trash
-  Enough fuel to move a 10,000 tonne freight train 105 km

Make an impact and join today!
www.destinationforevergreen.com

For more information contact your property manager.