

Always Make **Green** Choices!

- Switch off all unnecessary lights
- Unplug equipment that drains energy even when not in use (i.e. cell phone chargers, coffeemakers, etc.)
- Turn off your office equipment and/or computer monitors at the end of the work day
- Photocopy only what you need
- Always use the second side of paper, either by printing on both sides or using the blank side as scrap paper
- Champion your office recycling program and encourage your co-workers
- Purchase environmentally-friendly products and products made of recycled materials
- Walk, bike, or carpool to work
- Think twice about new electronics
- Buy products produced locally

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U.S. Department of Commerce
Office of Administrative Services
Office of Real Estate Policy and Major Programs
Energy, Safety, and Environment Division

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Going **Green**

For almost 100 years, the Department of Commerce has partnered with U.S. businesses to maintain a prosperous, productive America that is committed to free trade, competitiveness, and environmental stewardship.

Within the Department, we are committed to being good environmental stewards by promoting sustainable practices, green purchasing, energy conservation, electronic stewardship, pollution prevention, and other environmental practices in everything we do.

We are changing our culture day by day to make "GREEN" a reality and not just a concept in our workplace. We are preparing the Department for a sustainable future.

Going **Green-** One day at a time

- We diverted from landfills 41% of our solid waste generated in 2007.
- Our facilities promoted innovative environmental projects, such as oil-eating microbes to ships at the Marine Operations Center.
- By 2007 we reduced our energy consumption 22.3% from 2003 and used renewable electricity equivalent to 3.0% of our total electricity use.
- We invested \$3.8 million in energy and water efficiency in FY 2007, 7.9% of our annual energy costs; all in the form of direct obligations.
- We have six buildings that have received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. In addition, we have eleven new projects on their way to being LEED certified.
- We are striving for a silver LEED rating for the Herbert C. Hoover Building, our 1.8 million square foot headquarters building.
- We are implementing an Electronic Stewardship Plan to ensure that our High-Tech trash is reused or recycled.

And we are just getting started!

Change is **Green**

At the Department of Commerce, we are promoting environmental stewardship and helping people understand the direct impacts of their actions to change our traditional behaviors. We are changing the culture throughout the Department to:

- Save energy
- Save money
- Save the planet

To learn more about the Department's greening efforts, visit us on the web at: <http://www.osec.doc.gov/oas/environmental/> or contact us at gogreen@doc.gov