

Greening Your Office – The Benefits

- Benefits to the environment – climate change is one of the most significant issues facing us all
- Reduced operating costs – through saving energy, reducing waste
- Improved image and reputation
- Going green can be a positive, team-building experience
- Staff will feel the benefit, will be happier if they feel that they are contributing to society and therefore more motivated and creative
- Will help with staff recruitment – most people want to work for a company that is socially and environmentally responsible
- Legislation on environmental issues is getting stricter by the year – failure to comply can result in stiff penalties and damaged reputation
- Suppliers and customers may enquire about your environmental credentials – there can be pressure from supply chain partners to become more environmentally friendly
- Tenders and contracts may go to companies that have introduced environmental measures
- May win awards!

What is a Green Office?

An environmentally friendly place to work.

Key areas:

- Paper
- Waste & Recycling
- Water
- Energy
- Transport
- Suppliers and purchasing

A systematic approach:

- Review your current environmental performance
- Agree an action plan - set priorities
- Gain staff commitment
- Assign responsibilities
- Do it!
- Monitor success



This toolkit has been developed as part of the **Creating A Climate For Change Programme** by Friends of St Nicholas Fields and Creating Space For You.

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