



Greening To-Do List

Building Owners

Why green your building? Going green can reduce your building's operating costs and improve tenant retention.

- Apply solar film if you have heat-loading from south-facing windows, or buy thermal drapes to keep heat in during the winter and heat out during the summer.
- For flooring, opt for certified natural or renewable products. If you choose carpet, look for a green carpet that is made with recycled material, is recyclable and offers low emissions.
- Purchase used furniture, or new furniture with low emissions and high recycled content.
- Use green cleaning products and zero- or low- VOC paints to protect indoor air quality.
- Change your light bulbs from incandescent to compact fluorescent and you can cut your lighting costs by a third.
- Find ways to reduce water consumption, such as installing low-flow fixtures.
- Buy high-efficiency ENERGY-STAR–rated equipment.
- Manage energy costs daily by installing a programmable heating and cooling system..
- Recycle and compost or find an alternate use for your waste products.
- Ask your contractor about ways to recover waste heat, such as drain-heat-recovery systems or heat-recovery ventilation systems.

- Use local green suppliers whenever possible.
- Install native drought-tolerant plants to reduce watering and place trees on the south/west side of the building to reduce heat-loading and provide wind resistance.

Resources

The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) offers a variety of services to reduce operating costs:

<http://www.bomabest.com> or call (416) 214-1912.

The LEED system, a well-known green building standard, can provide a competitive advantage in operations and maintenance:

<http://www.cagbc.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=LEED>

The Ontario Power Authority offers energy-saving incentives and programs:

www.saveONenergyontario.ca

Green Economy Centre of South Simcoe

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