



# Greening To-Do List

## Small Retail Businesses

### Lighting

- On average, 25% of an organization's electricity costs come from lighting. Make your lighting more energy efficient to reduce these costs by up to a third, reduce your carbon footprint and improve the work environment.
- Change incandescent bulbs to compact florescent bulbs and change T12 tubes to T8s or T5s.
- Switch lights off in empty rooms or install occupancy sensors.
- Open the blinds to take advantage of natural light.

### Equipment

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### Other Conservation Measures

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## **Reducing Waste**

- Use fewer disposable products and encourage suppliers to reduce packaging.
- Recycle and compost or find an alternate use for your waste products.
- Reduce potential pollutants.
- Find local green suppliers.

## **Resources**

**Environmental best practices for retailers:**  
[www.greeningretail.ca](http://www.greeningretail.ca)

**Energy-saving programs and incentives:**  
[www.saveONenergyontario.ca](http://www.saveONenergyontario.ca) or contact your local hydro utility.

## **Green Economy Centre of South Simcoe**

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