

Top tips for greening your business...



Switch off the lights when you leave the building. Lights left on overnight use enough energy in a year to heat a home for almost 5 months.

Keep the temperature at 19°C and wear an extra jumper if you get a bit chilly instead of cranking up the heating. Your heating costs will go up by 8% each time you increase the temperature by just one degree.

Look for the potential in your rubbish. Eastex is the national materials exchange. Online at www.eastex.org.uk users can list materials they would like to re-home, and items they are looking for. Get your staff involved.

Open a window instead of using air-con. **Air conditioning** an office for one extra hour a day uses enough energy in a month to power a TV for over a year!

Turn off electrical equipment when you leave the building. Leaving a computer on overnight for a year creates enough CO2 to fill a double decker bus. A photocopier left on standby overnight wastes enough energy to make 30 cups of tea or 5,400 A4 copies!

Make a sustainable choice for travelling to work. Try walking, cycling, public transport or car sharing. Car sharing to work 10 miles away will save you and your colleague £250 a year - more if there's three of you!

Go green for your away days. Do something environmentally friendly for your team building - why not help a school build an outdoor garden or volunteer at your local wildlife reserve.

Top tips to help you green your business...

Many organisations in Peterborough are already taking steps to reduce their carbon footprint. Here are some simple steps you can take which will make a real impact on the environment and your bottom line.