

HOW GREEN WE ARE



HOW GREEN YOU CAN BE

- By reducing, reusing and recycling, We have diverted almost 80% of our garbage from landfills.
 - To date we have recycled 2,200 metric tonnes of paper, this means:
 - 41,800 trees have been saved
 - 3060 cubic metres of landfill spared
 - energy saved is equivalent to heating a home for 1100 years!
 - Our Greening the Inventory has resulted in a savings of over \$500,000 and over 300 products are environmentally friendly.
 - We now use energy efficient lightbulbs, which produce more light, and consume 60% less energy.
 - Just by altering the format of Committee Blues, we have saved nearly two million sheets of paper.
 - We have sent 40 tonnes of organic waste from the Parliamentary Cafeterias to be composted at the Experimental Farm.
 - We do not use pesticides on the grounds and no harmful chlorine or phosphate cleaning products are used by maintenance.
 - We have converted 8 out of 22 House vehicles to natural gas and we are now saving 20¢ per kilometre!
 - We have recycled 1100 kilograms of glass and 1000 kilograms of cans!
 - New technology means that our mail processing no longer requires paper labels.
 - over 6.6 million labels were used in 1992.
 - In total, all of our greening initiatives will save over \$500,000 annually!
 - ALWAYS use the string fastening reusable envelopes for non-confidential internal mail.
 - Collect all paper that has been used on one side, reuse for:
 - drafts
 - internal memos
 - scratch paper/pads
 - Return spent batteries to Materiel Management for hazardous waste disposal
 - batteries are responsible for 35% of mercury poisoning in our soil and water
 - Return the following to Materiel Management for refilling, reinking and recycling:
 - toner cartridges
 - drum cartridges
 - toner bottles
 - fusers
 - developers
 - ribbons
 - Consider setting up a worm composter in the office or designate someone to take organic waste home for composting.

Compost:

 - vegetable peelings
 - coffee grounds
 - fruit peels
 - tea bags
 - Remember to send your "ruined" stockings & tights to the Environment Office. We will send them to a weaver's co-op.
 - Bicycle to work - better for you and the environment. The West Block Courtyard is open from 7-9 a.m. and again from 4-6 p.m. to provide a secure place to lock your bike.
- SHOWER FACILITIES:**
- Wellington Building
- 6th floor, men & women
 - sub-basement, men & women
- West Block
- 1st floor, men & women
 - 2nd & 4th floors, men