

# STAY GREEN WITH THE PYRAMID CENTER



The Pyramid Center has achieved Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification at 600 Montgomery and 505 Sansome. All tenants are encouraged to contribute to the cause by staying green at work!

Since 1998 LEED has become the industry standard for certifying green building design, construction and operations. LEED is a voluntary, performance-based, third-party certification program that provides a structured method for measurement of the environmental impact of a buildings' performance. Developed by the USGBC, LEED addresses all building types and emphasizes state-of-the-art strategies for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials and resources selection, and indoor air quality.

Below are just a few simple changes Pyramid Center tenants can make at work that will help save energy and resources:

#### Flip the Light Switch

Most private offices have dual switches. Consider the light level needed based on sunlight, and use only half or none of your office lighting. Turn off lights when leaving the room for 15 minutes or more.



#### Turn Off Electronics

Whenever possible, turn off computers, appliances and even power strips before you leave for the day. Give preference to ENERGY STAR®-approved appliances when buying new.



#### Ramp Up Your Recycling

Get in the habit of recycling practically everything your company uses. Place recycling bins in accessible, high-traffic areas and provide clear information about what can and cannot be recycled. Tenants can also recycle old cell phones, computer equipment and other electronic waste through the Pyramid Center. The Building Office sends out e-mails to notify you of e-waste days.



#### Think Globally, Eat Locally

Go green for breakfast, lunch and dinner with a goal of 25% of your food purchases being USDA Certified Organic, Food Alliance Certified, Rainforest Alliance Certified, Protected Harvest Certified, Fair Trade Certified, Maine Stewardship Council' Blue Eco-Label, or from within a 100-mile radius.



#### Make Sure the Dishwasher is Full

Wash dishes only when the dishwasher is full. If it has a timer, run it in the evening to avoid peak energy hours.



#### Buy Sustainable Office Supplies

Give preference to materials with at least 50% post-consumer or rapidly renewable material content. Look for harvested, processed or extracted materials from within 500 miles, Forest Services Council-certified wood and paper products, and buy rechargeable batteries. Reduce your consumption and reuse paper when possible.



#### Close Window Shades

Close window shades before leaving on Fridays to reduce heating and cooling requirements over the weekend.



#### Reuse

Donate, sell or exchange unwanted but usable items (furniture, electronics, office supplies etc.).



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