

HOW TO REDUCE YOUR COMPANY'S CARBON FOOTPRINT

Every day, workplaces around the world are taking steps to reduce their carbon footprint. Here are some practical and cost-effective ways your company can reduce theirs.




Shred-it!

Every person in the UK consumes the equivalent to

4.48  **trees per year**

for the purpose of paper alone.

The average office worker uses

 **10,000** sheets of paper each year
68% of those 10,000 sheets are wasted ⁽¹⁾

It takes

70%

less energy and water to recycle paper.



than to create new paper from trees.

By developing a green office policy that champions the

Three R's
REDUCE,
REUSE
RECYCLE



you can drastically reduce your company's carbon footprint.

But our shredding services protect more than just our planet, we protect your confidential data too.



Secure Recycling

Secure consoles are regularly emptied by trained and security-vetted staff, before documents are securely destroyed using proprietary cross-cut shredder technology.



The entire process is tracked via a handheld scanning device and a Certificate of Destruction is issued after every shred.

Our document destruction services securely recycle 100% of all shredded paper. Once documents have been destroyed, Shred-it bales all shredded paper and sends it to a paper mill where it is pulped - with impurities and printing ink removed - which is then used to create new paper products.

Here's a few of the other ways you can reduce your company's carbon footprint:



Be Energy-Efficient

- **Install energy-efficient lighting** and switch lights off when they're not in use.
- Encourage employees to **switch off equipment at the end of the day**. Extension leads can make it easier to turn everything off at once
- **Purchase energy-efficient equipment** and appliances. Look after them to maintain efficiency.
- **Insulate your workplace** with double-glazed windows and draughtless doors.
- **Turn the thermostat down** - where possible - during working hours. Turn it right down at night when no one is around!



Low Carbon Commutes

- **Promote sustainable travel**. Rather than drive, encourage employees to bike, walk, take public transport, or even car share.
- If your company has a fleet of vehicles, **use energy-efficient models and energy-efficient routes** to reduce emissions and fuel consumption.
- **Reduce unnecessary business travel** and consider video conferencing instead of road or air travel.



Reduce Your Waste

- **Review your company's packaging** of products and condense where possible.
- **Only print if necessary!** Reduce paper usage by converting as much as possible to digital.
- **Put a company recycling programme in place** for cans, plastic and glass. Food waste can also be recycled into fertiliser and can even be used to generate electricity.
- **For everything else**, our document destruction services ensure all paper, old mobile phones, hard drives and data-sensitive electronic media is securely destroyed before recycling.



Beyond Your Business

- **Adopt a sustainable procurement policy** that encourages the purchasing of eco-label products and promotes low carbon incentives.
- Only partner with companies that also have a sustainability policy in a place, **like Shred-it!** Our secure shredding consoles are made from 100% recycled wood particleboard and we're always on the lookout for ways to make us even greener in the future.
- Plus, as part of our ongoing efforts to be a low carbon company, we're replacing our older vehicles with more **fuel efficient models** and optimising vehicle routing to minimise our carbon emissions per collection!

To learn more about how we're environmentally responsible and secure, call us on **0800 028 1164** or visit **shredit.co.uk**.

We protect what matters.

Shred-it® is a Stericycle solution.

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