

## Tufts Office of Sustainability Green Office Certification Checklist 1.3

Criteria	Do you fulfill the criteria?
<u>1. Energy &amp; Water Use</u>	
1.1 - Lighting in our office is controlled by occupancy sensors, or we manually turn off all our lights at night and during the day in spaces that are not being used, such as kitchens, conference rooms, storage closets, and bathrooms. (Please note that lighting in stairwells or other spaces that might create a safety hazard should <i>not</i> be shut off during the day.) (1pt)	
1.2 - We have prompts posted on or next to our light switches that remind people to turn off the lights when they exit a room. (1pt)	
1.3 - ( <i>If your office has personal desk lamps or floor lamps</i> ) We use energy efficient light bulbs (e.g. fluorescent tubes, CFLs, LEDs) instead of incandescent light bulbs. (2pts for >50% of bulbs, 1pt for 10-50% of bulbs)	
1.4 - We have enabled energy saving modes (standby or hibernate) on our computers, and we turn off both computers and monitors at night (NOTE: If you work at the Medical School, only the energy saving mode is applicable). (1pt)	
1.5 - We use power strips as central turn-off points at all of our individual work stations and switch them off each night. (1pt)	
1.6 - Our office equipment is Energy Star or EPEAT certified. (2pts for >50% of office equipment, 1pt for 10-50% of office equipment)	
1.7 - We set our thermostat lower in the winter and higher in the summer to save energy and stay within the guidelines of the Tufts Temperature Policy. We close our windows when heating or cooling systems are in use as well as at night and on the weekends. (2pts)	
1.8 - We conserve water in our office by not running the faucet for extended periods of time (e.g. when washing hands or dishes), and we have prompts posted next to the faucets in our bathroom and kitchen (if we have one) reminding people to turn off the water. We report all water leaks or dripping faucets to Facilities in a timely manner. (2pts)	

## 2. Waste & Recycling

2.1 - We have recycling bins in all common areas where trash bins are present, such as in kitchens, break rooms, conference rooms, mail rooms, offices, copy rooms, and hallways. (1pt)

2.2 - We have signs posted that explain what can be recycled in the mixed recycling bin as well as what should go in the Landfill bin. (1pt)

2.3 - We host zero-waste events with either certified compostable materials or real china/utensils (2pts for > 50% of events, 1pt for 10-50% of events)

2.4 - We use and successfully manage a compost bin in our office. (2pts)

2.5 - We compost or utilize all leftover food at our events. (2pts)

2.6 - We dispose of Tufts electronics (e.g. computers) through Facilities, recycle our batteries in the battery bins around campus, and recycle small electronics properly. We recycle used ink and toner cartridges by mailing them back to the company or giving them to W.B. Mason. We put in a Facilities work order when a CFL/fluorescent light goes out, to ensure proper disposal. (3 pts. for All of these actions, 1 pt. for Some of these actions)

2.7 - We minimize unwanted mail by removing our address from mailing lists. (2pts)

2.8 - It is our policy to first consider pre-owned furniture and to donate our unneeded items (e.g. through the Surplus Furniture Wish List). (3pts)

## 3. Paper, Printing & Office Supplies

3.1 - We use 100% recycled content paper for letterhead, envelopes, and legal pads. (2pts for > 50% of products, 1pt for 10-50% of products)

3.2 - We use 100% recycled paper or tree-free paper (e.g. from sugar cane waste) for printing and copying, unless extenuating circumstances force us to use 30% or 50% recycled paper. We never use paper without recycled content. (5pts)

3.3 - We save one-sided paper for printing drafts and scrap paper, and/or we make it into recycled notepads. (2pts)	
3.4 - Our copier/printer defaults to double-sided printing, or we have placed a visual prompt on the machine to remind people to set it manually. (1pt)	
3.5 - Our office computers are set to default to double-sided printing. (2pts)	
3.6 - For all printing completed outside of our office, we ask our external printing contractors to use paper with at least 50% recycled content. (3pts)	
3.7 - We purchase remanufactured toner cartridges (not available for Konica Minolta multi-function devices) (2 pts)	
3.8 - We use electronic filing and storage in lieu of paper files. (2pts for >50% of the office, 1 pt for 10-50% of the office)	
3.9 - We have shared printers (black & white/color) for the whole office, and individuals do not have their own deskside printers. (2 pts)	
3.10 - We share office supplies (e.g. staplers, scissors, tape) instead of each having our own. (2pts)	
3.11 - We have an internal reuse area for supplies such as binders and file folders. (2pts)	

#### 4. Food, Beverages & Dishware

4.1 - We use durable and reusable dishes and utensils in our office. (1pt)	
4.2 - We host all-vegetarian meetings and events organized by our office, where no meat or fish is served. (3pts for > 50% of events, 2pts for 10-50% of events)	
4.3 - We remind attendees to bring their own reusable mugs and cups to events and meetings at which reusable options will not be provided. (2pts)	

4.4 - We use environmentally preferable dishwashing soap. (1pt)	
4.5 - We provide food that is locally grown and/or organic at events. (2pts for >50% of food, 1pt for 10-50% of food)	
4.6 - We serve organic, shade-grown, Rainforest Alliance certified, and/or Fair Trade certified coffee in our office and at events. (2pts for >50% of coffee, 1pt for 10-50% of coffee)	
4.7 - We drink tap water or filtered tap water instead of bottled spring water. (2pts)	
4.8 - We provide large, multi-serving beverages (e.g. 2 liter bottles, gallon jugs, pitchers) at events and for daily consumption instead of individual, disposable containers (e.g. water bottles, soda cans). (1pt)	
4.9 - We purchase our coffee, sugar, creamer, salt, pepper and other condiments in multi-serving containers rather than in single-serving packages. (1pt)	

## 5. Transportation

5.1 - We provide information on ridesharing, public transit, biking, and other alternative commuting options to our staff, and we make sure it is widely distributed and updated when necessary. We also provide information about alternate transportation options to office visitors and people traveling to campus for events. (2pts)	
5.2 - Office members walk, bike, carpool, take public transit to work or telecommute from home at least one day per week on average. (5pts for >50% of office members, 3pts for 10-50% of office members)	
5.3 - Office members walk, bike, carpool, or take public transit around or between campuses. (3pts)	
5.4 - Whenever possible (e.g. for recurring meetings or meetings with colleagues we already know), we replace business travel with video, web or teleconferencing. (3pts)	
5.5 - When renting vehicles, we select the most fuel-efficient options available. (1pt)	

## 6. Sustainability Planning & Leadership

6.1 - We track our office's progress toward achieving our sustainability goals. (2pts)

6.2 - We communicate our sustainability successes at least annually (e.g. in office communications or reports). (2pts)

6.3 - We educate our staff members about sustainable actions that relate to their work, and we include office sustainability content in job trainings and new employee orientations. (3pts)

6.4 - We include sustainability practices and responsibilities in employees' job descriptions. (2pts for >50% of job descriptions, 1 pt for 10-50% of job descriptions)

6.5 - Our employees' performance plans include at least 1 sustainability-related goal (Key Performance Area) each. Employees are evaluated on this goal(s) during the performance planning and review process. (3pts for >50% of employees' performance plans, 2pts for 25-50% of employees' performance plans, 1pt for 10-25% of employees' performance plans)

6.6 - At least one member of our office is an active Tufts Eco-Ambassador and is a known resource for sustainability in our office. (3pts)

6.7 - We have an active green team in our office or building that meets on a regular basis. (5pts)



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