

# Green Library



*Computers consume large amounts of energy, as do printers, which also produce paper waste. A few simple changes can reduce energy use and paper waste significantly.*



## Why this is important

- Decreasing paper use will reduce the amount of deforestation, improve the health of the environment and save money.
- Paper made from recycled material uses 99% less water and 50% less energy than paper made from raw materials.
- A desktop computer that is left on for 8 hours a day generates over 600kg of greenhouse gas emissions a year.



## What you can do

- Avoid printing whenever possible.
- Use the double-sided function for printing and copying.
- Have a paper recycling bin in the library.
- Recycle toner and ink jet printer cartridges.
- Purchase recycled paper.
- Set up computers with power saver mode.
- Turn off computer monitors, hard drives and printers overnight and during holidays.
- Switch off lights when no one is in the library or request the installation of automatic sensor lights.

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