

Thinking green in our branches



Reducing waste and saving energy isn't just about grand plans – the detail of the implementation is just as important. Read on to see what we're doing at branch level.

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Outside

■ Photocells

Photocells are used to switch on/off exterior lighting and signage, reducing electricity consumption.

■ Aura Lights

Aura bulbs used in our signage last five times longer than standard sign bulbs. We now are able to replace the sign bulbs once every eight years as opposed to once each year, reducing environmental waste and labour hours to replace them.

Wash Bay

■ Chemical regulator

A restriction device ensures only the correct amount of shampoo is used when washing vehicles.

■ Regulated cleaning fluid

A regulated dilution machine ensures the correct mix of screen wash and other cleaning solutions is always achieved. This also eliminates the potential of chemical spillage.

■ Chemical storage

Each site is provided with a single drum into which exterior vehicle shampoo is delivered, cutting down on packaging.

■ Silt trap/interceptor

Waste water from the vehicle wash is collected and filtered through a silt trap and interceptor system removing many of the pollutants and allowing for proper disposal.

■ Regulated jetwash flow

Jet wash machines are used in the vehicle washing area. These reduce the consumption of water by restricting its flow and improving the efficiency of the process.



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Inside

■ Low flow flush

Where possible, low flow toilets are provided to reduce water usage.

■ Plumbed in water filter

Plumbed in drinking water coolers eliminate the environmental impact of transporting and storing large heavy bottles.

■ T8 energy light bulbs

Office lighting uses energy efficient T8 tubes. Not only do they consume less power than halogen lamps, they generate less heat mitigating the need for cooling devices.

■ Low emission carpets

All carpets utilised meet the Carpet & Rug Institute's Green Label criteria. This means they have met stringent requirements for low chemical emissions.

■ Recycled paper contracts

Printing is kept to a minimum. Where it is possible, certain parts of the contracts are even printed on recycled paper.

■ Last person out switch

A single Last Person Out switch at the door switches off all non-essential electrical devices as we leave at the end of the business day.

■ Occupancy lights

Motion detector switches are used throughout the day to switch off lighting in rooms or areas that are not in use.

■ Energy efficient computers

Existing machines are being replaced with thin-client terminals, which will reduce power consumption by over 80%

■ Mermet blinds

Special window shades reduce heat transmittance by up to 25% whilst still allowing those inside to see out.

■ Recyclable furniture

All old furniture is donated to a charity that refurbishes and sells it back to businesses. The charity employs disadvantaged workers to refurbish the furniture.

■ Paper waste

Printers go into a low power mode when not in use, paper used in printers, copiers and faxes is recycled content and all waste paper is placed in recycle bins.

■ Low VOC paint

Even Enterprise's paint selection is based on the manufacturer's commitment to reducing Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) that can cause atmospheric pollution.

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