

TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Earth Day, and Every Day



Global climate change is a reality. And while vehicles get the most attention, buildings actually use more energy — and contribute more to global warming — than cars, trucks and buses combined.

C&W is committed to addressing climate change — both through the real estate services we deliver to clients, and in our own internal operations. Here are some actions you can take to help mitigate climate change — on Earth Day, and every day.

WHAT YOU CAN DO AT WORK

Both businesses and individuals can play an active role in significantly reducing their CO₂ emissions by making energy-smart choices. As an employee, you can:

Save energy

- Turn off computers and other office equipment when not in use.
- Use a power strip that can be turned off when you're done using your computers, printers, wireless routers, and other electronics.
- Activate the power management features on computers and monitors, printers and photocopiers.
- Turn off your office lights when natural light is sufficient.
- Use the stairs rather than the elevator.
- Use blinds in the summer to reduce the need for air conditioning.

Reduce waste

- Where available, use designated bins to recycle office paper, newspapers, beverage containers, electronic equipment and batteries.
- Photocopy and print only when necessary.
- Use the double-sided feature on copiers.
- Switch to an electronic filing system.
- Reuse packaging for shipping.
- Recycle used printer cartridges.
- Recycle used office equipment and furniture by donation to local charity.

WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME

Here are some things you can do at home to save energy—as well as money:

Lighting

- Replace incandescent light bulbs with Compact Fluorescents. If every household in the U.S. replaced just one light bulb, it would equal taking one million cars off the road.
- Make the most of natural sunlight. It's healthier, cheaper and more pleasant.
- Turn off lights when you leave a room. Make it a habit to “flip the switch.”

Heating and cooling

- Replace older heating and cooling systems with new efficient models.
- Maintain the right temperature in your house:
- Tune up your cooling and heating system annually.
- Set your thermostat higher a few degrees in the summer and lower a few degrees in the winter.
- Use a programmable thermostat to set back temperatures when you are not home.
- Set back your thermostat at night.
- Check the weather-stripping on your doors and windows.
- Insulate your attic; consider installing double-pane energy-efficient windows.

Visit [our Website](#) for more information. And stay tuned. When it comes to fighting climate change, Cushman & Wakefield is just getting warmed up.