

# Nine Top Tips to Green your Business...

## ENERGY

### Go Renewable



Renewable energy combats climate change and costs less in the long run. Grant incentives for renewables are on the increase so watch this space!

### Install LEDs



LED lights cost less and last longer than fluorescent and halogen lighting. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions. There is no downside.

### Identify energy users and manage



Measure the units of energy consumed by each piece of equipment on-site so that you can assign a cost to each user. Turn them off, turn them down, turn them in.

## WASTE

### Source sustainable raw materials and goods



Sustainable sourcing = Sustainable Business. Establish a Green Procurement Policy for your business.

### Design out disposables



Disposable materials can be convenient, but they are costly and a waste of the planet's limited resources. Use alternatives to disposable coffee cups, water cups, hand towels, packaging etc.

### Use the right bin



Good segregation of recyclable waste and food waste from general waste can significantly reduce your waste costs.

## WATER

### Reduce the flow



Measure and reduce flow rates from taps, showers and hoses. Taps with flow rates of 4 litres per minute are fine. One can have a good shower with a flow rate of 7 litres per minute.

### Control urinals



Water used by a urinal typically costs €800/annum whether occupied or not. Use sensors to control water use and reduce costs.

### Identify and fix water leaks



Undetected leaks are commonplace and could be costing your business thousands of euros. Find and monitor your water meter to check for leaks.