

Yadkin Valley Chamber of Commerce

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Greenhouse Gas Emissions Management and Reduction

Choose local vendors to reduce transport of items

Allow flexible staff schedules to minimize staff travel during heavy traffic periods

Utilize and provide staff and customers video conferencing/teleconferencing to minimize travel to meetings

Solid Waste Management, Reduction, Reuse, & Recycling

Purchase products in reusable, returnable containers

Donate obsolete/unwanted equipment, electronics, furniture to charity

Eliminate use of Styrofoam and other difficult to recycle products

Donate leftover cookware, silverware, and linens to charity

Donate unused food to a community food bank/compost site

Offer reusable products such as glass cups, cotton linens, and refillable condiment dispensers

Purchase antiques and furniture from local vendors

Recycle damaged towels and sheets as cleaning rags and craft torn linens into other usable items (e.g. sheets into pillowcases)

Purchase recyclable toner cartridges

Use rechargeable batteries

Provide cigarette disposal bins in smoking areas

Ensure proper disposal of hazardous materials

Use preventative maintenance on equipment to reduce risk of replacement

Selecting printers/photocopiers able to print on both sides

Distributing information to guests/participants via email and avoiding hard copy

Avoid use of fax cover sheets

Distribute inter-office documents using routing slips, bulletin boards, or email distributions rather than printing

Using both sides of printing paper and using the reverse side of printing paper for printing rough drafts

Streamlining operational systems that rely on paper or hard copies

Reuse envelopes for inter-office mail

Conduct regular inspections and establish preventative maintenance schedules to ensure maximum efficiency

Educate staff on water conservation and best practices

When purchasing new appliances or fixtures, purchase water-efficient models such as those certified by EPA