

Smart Steps To Grow Greener At Work

(NAPSA)—Like many people, you probably recycle aluminum cans, “newspaper,” plastics and glass at home, but how green are you at the office? Becoming greener won’t happen overnight, but here are some tips for making the transition. “Start by making small changes to your everyday purchases and practices,” explains Yalmaz Siddiqui, Director of Environmental Strategy for Office Depot. “For example, buy green by seeking products with just a small amount of recycled content, or be green by turning off your light each time you leave your office or cube.”

To help people along this path, Office Depot has created a new Web site at www.officedepotgrowgreener.com featuring thousands of eco-preferable office products and solutions. Customers can also submit their own ideas on this Web site on how their business is growing greener. For each green idea submitted, the company will plant a tree on the customer’s behalf, with the goal of planting 4,000 trees by the end of May. Other activities include:

- **Green Offers for Your Business:** Special coupons and offers on products with environmentally preferable attributes are available for download at www.officedepotgrowgreener.com.

- **Featured Green Products:** More than 6,500 eco-preferable office products are highlighted at the site, including those that can help save resources, fuel and energy and help reduce harsh chemicals, such as compact fluorescent lightbulbs, rechargeable batteries and energy-efficient printers and laptops. Additional details on greener products are at www.officedepot.com/buygreen.

- **Trade-In, Trade-Up Event:** The 400 Ton Challenge is a new promotion that can help customers get money back for their



old electronics, ink and toner. Plus, in recognition of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, Office Depot is aiming to collect 400 tons of products in a month to prevent e-waste from ending up in landfills. Customers can continue to recycle as many as 20 of their old ink and toner cartridges and get money back in Worklife Rewards. Details are at www.officedepotgrowgreener.com.

- **Green Facebook Page:** To highlight its “Grow Greener” message, green ideas and pledges and a new green initiative as part of the company’s NASCAR sponsorship, the chain is expanding its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/OfficeDepot. There, you can also see the company’s own associates tell how they integrate environmental efficiencies and initiatives into their work.

Office Depot has long been recognized as an environmental leader in the office products industry. It has won the Office Products Industry Environmental Reseller of the Year Award for 3 years running. It has also made the industry’s deepest commitment to green buildings, with a LEED Gold Certified Prototype Store, a Global Headquarters Building pursuing LEED for Existing Buildings, and a commitment to pursuing LEED for Commercial Interiors for every new store built in 2010.