



Fairfax Employees for Environmental Excellence (FEEE) consists of county employees who are committed to environmental stewardship within Fairfax County Government. In order to foster a greener workplace culture, FEEE:

- ◆ Encourages employees to use their diverse perspectives to develop creative solutions that minimize the environmental impact of County operations
- ◆ Highlights successful solutions on the FEEE FairfaxNet page
- ◆ Hosts lunch & learns and site visits to help educate employees about issues related to sustainability

Learn more at <http://fairfaxnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/sites/Blogs/FEEE/default.aspx> and email green@fairfaxcounty.gov to get involved or to join our listserv.



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Fairfax Employees for Environmental Excellence

Calling all Fairfax County employees who want to live and work sustainably!



We want to hear from you!
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Recycling

Employees are the county's first line of defense against sending unnecessary waste to the landfill. Three different recycling containers are available to all employees at **no charge**:

1. Large Mixed Paper Boxes - use for paper, magazines, folders, clean food boxes and cartons, and flattened cardboard boxes
2. Desk-side Blue Bins - use to conveniently collect items for Large Mixed Paper Boxes
3. Blue Bottle & Can Bins - use for plastic, metal, and glass bottles, cans, and jars.

To request **free** containers please call 703-802-3322. To request **free** posters to display about proper recycling practices, please email green@fairfaxcounty.gov.

To boost participation, place recycling containers next to trash containers and mixed paper boxes next to copy machines. You can also minimize waste by using refillable water bottles and printing less often.

Green Purchasing

“Green” purchasing, also known as environmental-preferable purchasing, is the procurement of goods and services that have a minimal impact on the environment compared to other goods and services that serve the same purpose. Look for items that:



- Are reusable and long lasting
- Contain recycled material
- Conserve natural resources
- Minimize waste and pollution
- Use minimal packaging
- Reduce the use of energy and water, such as ENERGY STAR and WaterSense products



Try reuse rather than buying something new. Visit the county's surplus website to learn about donating used items or acquiring items for your department **free of charge** (<http://fairfaxnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/Dept/DPMM/Pages/Surplus-Property.aspx>).



Energy Efficiency

The energy used by equipment that plugs into the wall, also known as “plug load,” can really add up. One of the easiest ways to save energy at work is to turn off equipment and lights when they are not being used. Many types of equipment can even draw power when they are turned off, so be sure to unplug electronics and appliances that are not used regularly. Another strategy is to stop using unnecessary equipment entirely, such as personal printers, refrigerators, or coffee makers.

Fairfax County also has programs to help residents and businesses save energy. For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/energy/energyactionfairfax/ and www.fairfaxcounty.gov/energy/greenbusiness/.

