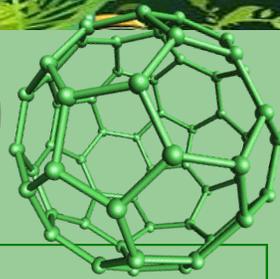




Start your Department Committee



Purpose of Committee

1. Establish goals for department.
2. Determine existing green elements and practices.
3. Plan timeline and implementation.
4. Provide education and incentives for employees.
5. Prepare department's contribution to annual Green Purchasing Report to Board of Supervisors for Earth Day.
6. Serve as conduit between department and County Green Committee.



How to Get the Green Ball Rolling:

- ✓ Get permission and guidance from administration. Make sure your goals and plans reflect the mission of your organization.
- ✓ Assemble your team. Consider a smaller group to get started and add people who have knowledge or skills you need.
- ✓ Form a plan. Set short term and long term goals. Research.
- ✓ Educate, encourage, and reward your employees.
- ✓ Monitor your progress.
- ✓ Celebrate your success!
- ✓ Move on to the next step.

County Green Website: ISD and EEDD plan to revamp the Green web pages, making them easier to use and more interesting. Watch for department updates, training information, ideas for improving your department, and even tips to use at home.

Email [Sandra](#) or [Karen](#) with suggestions.



Enviro Tip:

When you turn off your computer, don't forget your monitor, speakers, printer, calculator, and other gadgets. Only turn them on when you need to use them. Shut it all down when you leave for the day. Computer experts used to recommend you leave the computer on, but the technology has improved. Some updates and programs need a reboot to perform better.

Green Committee News

Agendas, minutes, presentations, news briefs, implementation plans, training aides, and more are available at www.sjgov.org/green.



Take It Home!

Most electronics and appliances use energy even when turned off, especially chargers and converters. Some can draw as much as 70% of the power needed when turned on! Unplug them, or put them on a power strip and turn that off. Only plug in phone chargers while charging the phones, and you can watch your energy bill plummet.

Find more information about the REACON Green Business Assessment at www.GreenTeamSanJoaquin.com

CALL FOR ACTION: We need your help! Sub-committees have been formed for website, communication, goals, and electronics/technology. Bring ideas and/or talents. If interested, email David Louis at dlouis@sjgov.org.