



## Recycled Printer Ink Cartridges

Did you know that in Australia, 34 printer cartridges go to landfill every minute! That is to 2 050 per hour, which is equal to 5 000 tonnes per year! <http://www.planetark.com/>. Most Green Offices already recycle their used ink cartridges through [recycle@pf.uq.edu.au](mailto:recycle@pf.uq.edu.au). Purchasing recycled or remanufactured ink cartridges is the next step to completely 'close the loop'. It also saves energy, water, resources, money and decreases landfill waste.

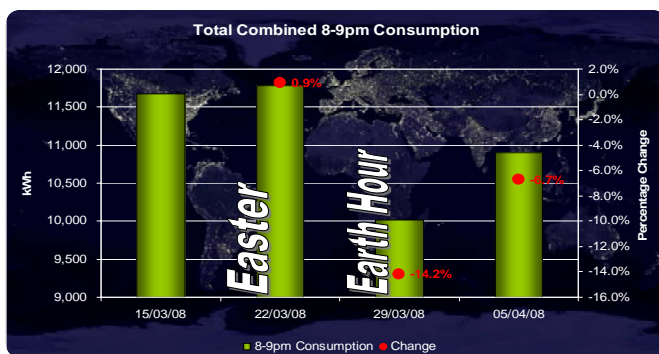


Remanufactured cartridges are made by Ecotrend, who have a detailed, quality ensured production process, described on their website. The Ecotrend products available at the Central Store are as below.

<http://www.trendmedia.com.au/Ecotrend.phtml>.

016578	TONER Ecotrend C3903A BLACK Reman Cartridge	\$86.21
050098	TONER Ecotrend C4127X BLACK Reman. Cartridge	\$159.55
050330	TONER Ecotrend C7115X BLACK Reman. Cartridge	\$92.40

## Results from Earth Hour 2008



When the lights at UQ were turned off on the 29<sup>th</sup> March for Earth Hour there was a 14.2% energy reduction, saving 1.7 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. It was encouraging to see that from midnight on Friday night to midnight on Saturday night for the weekend of Earth Hour and the following weekend 24 and 31 tonnes respectively of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were saved. Congratulations and thank you to all those who participated in Earth Hour. Let's continue to switch off and save energy wherever possible.

## It's the little things that count

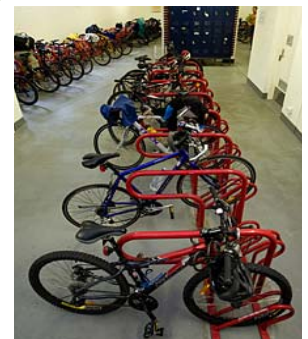
Do you find it hard to be environmentally conscious around the office? Sometimes it is best to start small and work your way up. Here are some quick and easy ways to change habits. You could aim to achieve one each day this week. Then next week aim to do 2 things every day. Eventually these environmentally friendly practices will just become habit.

- **Turn off your computer screen** instead of leaving it on standby.
- Take that extra trip to the lunch room to **recycle your bottles and cans**.
- When buying coffee **bring your own mug**, instead of using polystyrene disposable cups.
- Remember **post-it notes and envelopes** with plastic windows **can be recycled**.
- **Turn lights off in empty rooms**
- **Use a drink bottle instead of plastic cups** for water bubblers.
- **Print and photocopy double sided** to save paper.

You can do it! These things are really easy and will help make a significant difference.

## New Bicycle Storage Facilities

A new covered bike rack is being built on the top of the plant room near the Otto Hirschfield Building and will hold up to 56 bicycles. There will also be 24 hour CCTV coverage for extra security. More information about bicycle storage facilities and cycling maps can be found at the UQ Traffic and parking website [www.uq.edu.au/cycling](http://www.uq.edu.au/cycling)



## Upcoming Events

- **International Composting Awareness Week**
  - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008
  - <http://www.compostweek.com.au/>
- **International Day for Biological Diversity**
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> May
  - <http://www.cbd.int/ibd/2008/>
- **World Environment Day**
  - 5<sup>th</sup> June
  - <http://www.unep.org/wed/2008/english/>
  - Expect your Annual Green Office Environment Day Event invite in the very near future.

*If you have any feedback or questions please contact us at the details below!*

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