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Don't get caught up in *The Paper Trap*

The Paper Trap premiered over the weekend and amid the layers of drama and comedy, a recurring message emerged: paper can be complicated, but it doesn't have to be! Going paperless is good for your wallet and the environment.

Did you know that almost 50% of the waste that companies produce consists of paper?



HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN DO TO MINIMIZE YOUR PAPER USE:

THINK BEFORE YOU PRINT

- Print and copy fewer documents
- Print double-sided
- Use thinner paper
- File electronically

CHANGE COMPUTER SETTINGS

- Change default settings so that you can put more text on each page
- Default to print double sided

PROMPT OTHERS

- Post in-house reminders about efficient paper use near the copy machine and/or each workstation
- Conduct paperless meetings

BUY RECYCLED PAPER

- Find out if your organization has a paper purchasing policy that gives preference to environmentally preferable attributes
- Purchase unbleached and recycled paper products without added fragrances or dye
- Look for eco-labels like Green Seal or EcoLogo™



I know what you did last garbage day – when throwing out your recyclables, make sure they go in the right bin

This Halloween, nothing is spookier than *I know what you did last garbage day*. This horror movie follows a group of friends who encounter a garbage monster that interrupts their recycling habits.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO GET RID OF THE GARBAGE MONSTER:

- Know what can and cannot be recycled in your workplace. If you aren't sure, contact your Property Manager.
- Carry out a simple recycling bin check-up at the workplace and assess which materials are present in each of the bins. Prepare a kind note to leave behind at workstations to indicate performance.
- Most of the time, coffee cups end up in the wrong bin under the false assumption that these paper cups will end up being recycled. Instead, carry a reusable cup for your daily java fix.
- Reusing is the first step in the recycling process - pack your lunch in reusable containers, be creative and turn items that you would usually discard like newspapers, clothes, magazines, paper bags into a DIY (do-it-yourself) project.

Are you ready for *Mission Possible: E-Waste Protocol*?

A new hero has emerged from the latest installment of *Mission Possible: E-Waste Protocol*. Through action-packed scenes, *Tom E-Waste* shows us that recycling electronic waste (e-waste) does not have to be a tough task. If not disposed of properly, toxins from e-waste can enter the soil and water supplies.



HERE ARE THE TOP 5 THINGS WE LEARNED FROM *TOM E-WASTE*:

- **E-waste is the fastest growing waste stream** — According to the UN, up to 50 million tons of e-waste — mainly computers and smart phones are expected to be dumped in 2017. That's up by 20% from 2015. Only 12.5% of this is expected to be recycled.
- **Discarded electronic items are valuable** — They are filled with reusable materials like plastics and precious metals which can be recycled and reused.
- **Recognize the problem** — A large number of what is labeled as “e-waste” is actually not waste at all, but rather complete electronic equipment or parts that are readily marketable for reuse or can be recycled for materials recovery.
- **Don't let go so easily** — repairing is always better than replacing. Bring broken devices to repair shops. If you must replace, take advantage of store trade-in programs that refurbish old devices for resale.
- **E-waste disposal programs are available**, but they differ depending on where you live. Choose a provincially approved e-waste recycling vendor as specified by the Electronic Products Recycling Association's Recycler Qualification Program (RQP).

Follow *Tom E-Waste's* lead and conquer the e-waste recycling mission. Check with your Property Management team as they may already have regular e-waste pick-ups.

Join as *The Empire Gives Back*



A long time ago, in a galaxy far far away... the empire got together to give back to the local community. We sat down with the star of the movie, *Luke Giftgiver*, to understand what the holiday season means to him.

Can you share any tips on what others can do to make a difference in their communities?

December is a time for giving. I believe that the communities we live in impact our lives more than any other place in the world. When volunteering, I would encourage people to find something that aligns with their interests:

- Tuesday, December 5th is International Volunteer Day – commemorate this day by organizing a fundraising activity (e.g. food drive, clothing drive, book drive, etc.)
- Find out if your organization has a volunteer or donation program already in place. If it does, get involved!
- Organize a team building volunteer activity to build morale and help those in need. Organizations like Habitat for Humanity or local food banks have group volunteer projects/days you can participate in.

Let the force guide you to give back this holiday season, whether that is money, food or volunteering your time.

About ForeverGreen

Bentall Kennedy's ForeverGreen commitments include energy efficiency and carbon emission reductions, waste diversion, water conservation, and a healthy workplace.

We have created this tenant resource to provide monthly information and inspiration for a clean and greener place to work. **TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE FOREVERGREEN.**

The ForeverGreen Film Festival is our 2017 campaign that takes monthly sustainability themes and reimagines them as films through movie posters and this accompanying 'Film Festival Guide'.

Bentall Kennedy's commitment goes beyond the building. Here are some of our highlights from 2016:

- **\$22.9M total utility costs** avoided across North America (2012-2016)
- **77%** of Bentall Kennedy's portfolio is certified to green building standards (based on asset value)
- Achieved cumulative savings of **218.5 million kWh** (2012-2016) – equivalent to taking 32,436 passenger vehicles off the road!

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9 years in a row, Bentall Kennedy has been recognized as an ENERGY STAR Partner for our commitment to energy management and reducing consumption.



6 years in a row, Bentall Kennedy has ranked among the top firms worldwide by the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB).

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