

The eco-friendly office

These days, even the smallest office product offer a boost towards sustainability

From pens and binders made from recycled material to tape made from recycled, plant-based components, there is no shortage of office products doing their part for sustainability. Here's a sampling of office supplies on the market that also offer your organization an eco-edge.

The Wilson Jones round ring binder fea-

tures a 100-percent recycled chipboard cover that contains 90-percent post-consumer material. The binder's outer material has a textured, fine-linen look. It's also made of environmentally friendly, 100-percent recyclable wood pulp. Wilson Jones binders are available from vendors such as Grand & Toy.

Plant-based tape

From Scotch Brand comes Scotch Magic Greener Tape. The product is made from more than 75 percent renewable, plant-based materials based on the weight of the product including tape, dispenser and packaging. The two-piece refillable dispenser and the core within the roll of tape are both made from 100-percent recycled plastic, said Scotch Brand.

Kruger has released a new embossing pattern for its roll and multi-fold towel brands, which includes Embassy Supreme, Embassy, White Swan and Esteem labels. The pattern features a cross-wave design that Kruger said helps enhance the paper's look while increasing its absorption and strength. The product comes in packages of six, 12 or 24 towels, while the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and/or EcoLogo provide certification. The towels are suitable across various industries such as



Sustainable Earth remanufactured toner cartridge

Whatever your people do, wherever they need



property management, healthcare, food service, hospitality as well as janitorial and sanitation, among others.

Eco ink

Zebra produces the Sarasa clip pen, made with 81-percent post-consumer recycled materials and a translucent barrel for ink supply visibility. Zebra said the soft rubber grip allows for writing comfort while the retractable tip distributes gel ink. The pens are refillable and made from recycled products like LCD displays, car headlights, shopping baskets and material from cell phones.

Zebra's Eco Jimmie Clip mechanical pencil is made from 72-percent post-consumer recycled materials, while its extra-wide binder clip attaches to legal pads, binders, books and other products. The soft rubber grip provides writing comfort and full control, said Zebra. The pencil is refillable with standard 0.5mm lead and the eraser is replaceable.

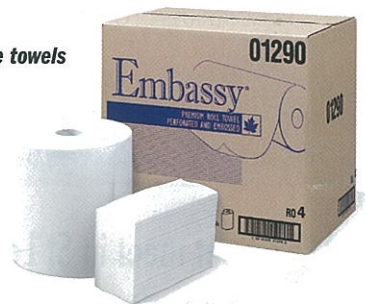
Staples Advantage offers its line of eco-friendly Sustainable Earth products, which includes its remanufactured toner cartridges. The cartridges are engineered to national brand specifications and certified to ISO 9001:2000 standards. They have been recycled and reprocessed from an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) empty core, said Staples Advantage. The cartridges are produced to quality control standards, using lab-tested components for OEM-equivalent performance, the company said.

While each discarded cartridge adds about three pounds of waste to landfills, remanufacturing cartridges saves roughly three million

cubic feet of landfill space, Staples Advantage noted.

Vancouver-based White Paper Co offers a line of sustainable copy paper called Polar Paper FSC. The product is FSC-certified, with each sheet made from virgin or recycled fibre that is bleached using alternative chlorine compounds. The paper is manufactured under alkaline (acid-free) conditions. This prevents the paper from yellowing as it ages, said White Paper Co, making it suitable for documents that have to be preserved for long periods. The paper is available in letter size (8.5x11). **b2b**

Embassy Supreme towels



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