

# Pollution Prevention P<sup>2</sup> Works!

## What is Pollution Prevention?

Pollution Prevention is any activity that reduces, eliminates, or prevents pollution at its source before recycling, treatment or disposal. Although Pollution Prevention methods are typically used by industrial facilities, you can also practice Pollution Prevention:



In your home



In your workplace



In your community



## Everyday Pollution Prevention

### At Home:

- Practice green landscaping by planting native drought resistant plants which require less water and fewer fertilizer products.
- Use cleaning products that are EPA "Safer Choice" certified.
- Keep up on vehicle maintenance to ensure best fuel efficiency.

### At Work:

- Practice environmentally preferable purchasing.
- Utilize products with ENERGY STAR ratings such as computers, monitors, printers, copiers, etc.
- Switch to EPEAT registered electronic products which are produced with fewer toxins and are designed to be easily recycled.

### In the Community:

- Walk, bike, or use public transportation when able.
- Advocate for a low or no carbon energy supply for your community such as a community solar project.
- Participate in thrifting, upcycling drives, or freecycle events that give used items a second life keeping them out of the landfill.



Learn more about how you can practice Pollution Prevention in your home, workplace, and community here: [www.epa.gov/environmental-topics/greener-living](http://www.epa.gov/environmental-topics/greener-living)



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