

Sustainable Business Guide

City of San Ramon



www.sanramon.ca.gov

Go Green with Business Operations & Building Maintenance



Increase Your Bottom Line

Increase Your Energy Efficiency

Improve Business Performance and Reduce your Energy Costs with the help of PG&E



How can PG&E help?

- Energy Efficiency Programs
- Rebates
 - All Businesses Qualify, No Cap Limit on Amount
 - Onsite Energy Audits for Small Businesses
 - Third Party Programs
- Demand Response Programs
- Climate Smart Program
- California Solar Initiative (CSI)
- Smart Meter Program

SEE PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC'S WEBSITE

WWW.PGE.COM/MYBUSINESS

WWW.PGE.COM/MYHOME/SAVEENERGYMONEY/

**OR CALL THE BUSINESS CUSTOMER CENTER
AT**

1-800-468-4743

***Energy Tip** — To save electricity, shut down your computer after every work day.

Lighting: Practices and Products

Lighting operation and maintenance can have a significant effect on a business's energy use, productivity and your monthly energy bill. A building's lighting system constitutes the largest use of energy in most commercial buildings.

Initial costs for energy efficient lighting products are often higher than conventional non-energy efficient products, but will save you money on your monthly bills.



- Determine a replacement schedule for lamps based on current use
- Use compact fluorescent (CFL) or T8 or T5 fixtures
- Clean fixtures and lamps regularly to improve their efficiency
- Go to PG&E's website for incentives and rebate programs

Furniture

Furniture provides comfort and privacy and is crucial in keeping employees productive.

- Consider local vendors that carry environmentally preferable furniture at:



www.builditgreen.org/green-product-directory

Energy Efficient Appliances



Energy Star

Energy Star sets standards for energy efficiency which target the upper 20% of current off-the-shelf technologies. Products that meet the requirements for energy efficiency are eligible for the Energy Star label.

Water Heating

To get the most efficient water heating equipment select natural gas fueled equipment when possible.



Strategies

- Look for the Energy Star Label.
- For Water Storage water heaters: consider an energy factor of at least 62%.
- Tankless water heaters are a more efficient option to standard tank systems because they only heat water as needed.
- Boilers: consider models that have an annual fuel efficiency rating of at least 85%.

Resources:

www.energystar.gov

www.builditgreen.org/guide

www.pge.com/rebates

Water Efficient Products

Use of water efficient products, such as low-flow fixtures and low-flow toilets, create cost savings in your monthly water and energy bills.

Resources:

www.ebmud.com

www.dsrds.com

www.builditgreen.org



Janitorial Cleaning & Supply Products

Cleaning Products

Janitorial cleaning products with reduced toxicity are readily available and have been successfully used around the country in both public and private settings. Many facility managers view switching to “green” cleaning products as a necessity to reduce worker complaints, eliminate health and safety issues, and reduce associated costs.



Strategies

- Isolate janitorial supplies to dedicated closets to reduce occupants' exposure.
- Specify cleaning products and supplies that meet the standards of Green Seal (GS-37, GS-40 or GS-41).
- Consider adopting applicable procedures and practices in the Green Seal Environmental Standard for Cleaning Services (GS-42).
- Specify recyclable, recycled content and reusable packaging.
- Consider reducing the total number of stocked cleaning products by using multiuse cleaners in concentrated formulas.
- Reducing the total number of cleaners allows for greater control over which chemicals are used in the building and simplifies purchasing.

Resources:

www.greenseal.com

www.stopwaste.org

Recycling Resources

City of San Ramon Resources:

www.sanramon.ca.gov

For searchable databases on where to recycle different types of materials, you can visit:

www.stopwaste.org

www.co.contra-costa.ca.us

Everyone Saves with Commuter Tax Benefits

Commuter Tax Benefit Programs provide a convenient way for employers to save money and help their employees save money too. With pre-tax deductions from paychecks, employees pay less for their commuter costs and employers pay lower payroll taxes. It promotes the use of public transportation thus reducing traffic congestion, parking demand, greenhouse gases and improves air quality. For more information visit the links below.

Ridesharing is a great way to help reduce traffic congestion and air pollution!

511 Contra Costa Programs

www.511.org

- Carpool Program
- Transit Program
- Vanpool Program
- Guaranteed Ride Home Program



The City of San Ramon is here to assist employers develop on-site transportation and/or provide information related to local and regional transportation programs. For a consultation, please contact Darlene Amaral, Transportation Analyst at (925) 973-2655.

Resources:

Wage Works

www.wageworks.com/employer/commuter

**Bishop Ranch Business Park also offers a wide range of transportation programs. Contact their office for more information at (925) 866-0100.*



Local Resources & Rebates

East Bay Municipal Utility District

(EBMUD) offers water conservation services and programs for customers in their service area. See www.ebmud.com for information.

Dublin San Ramon Services District

DSRSD provides water conservation services, programs and rebates for their service areas. Their website has information on product rebates and free water conservation devices. Find Dublin San Ramon Services District at:

www.dsrpd.com



Flex Your Power

Find financial incentives and technical help by zip code at the Flex Your Power website at:

www.fypower.org



Central Contra Costa Sanitary District

5019 Imhoff Place, Martinez, CA 94553

CCCSD is a special district responsible for the collection and treatment of wastewater in the area of central Contra Costa. Residents may drop off household hazardous waste at no charge. Small businesses pay a small fee to dispose of their hazardous waste. For more information visit:

www.centrsan.org

Get Certified with the Bay Area Green Business

The Bay Area Green Business Program offers motivated businesses and agencies an easy-to-use framework for improving environmental performance. Over 1,600 business and public agencies have been certified since 1997.



To reach the Contra Costa Green Business program call (925) 646-2286 or visit www.greenbiz.ca.gov

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GO GREEN & SAVE \$\$\$ EVERY MONTH!!!



City of San Ramon Commits to Being Green

The San Ramon City Center project will be a silver LEED certified project.

