

Function Areas

The following are key questions to ask when assessing specific function areas:

Function Area	Key Questions
Office	Do you reduce paper use by:
	 Double-sided copying Double-sided printing Using scrap paper for notes E-mailing memos Not printing drafts or printing them on scrap paper Printing faxes on scrap paper Printing letterhead or forms on demand Offering a printer drawer for one-sided scrap paper Using erasable boards/Power Point instead of flip charts
	Do you reuse office supplies or maintain a supply swap?
	Do you recycle items?
	 Office Paper Mixed Paper Corrugated Cardboard Newspaper Magazines Toner Cartridges Electronic Equipment
	Do you donate any materials?
	 Computers Furniture Office Supplies
Custodial and Maintenance	Does your cleaning staff use reusable rags and other cleaning items?
	Does your cleaning staff use bulk or concentrate cleaners?
Purchasing	 Do you purchase recycled products? Office supplies (folders, mailing envelopes, plastic trays) Copy and printing paper Letterhead, stationery, envelopes Binders Do you purchase reusable, durable products? Do you purchase items in bulk with less packaging?
	Do you purchase concentrates when possible (e.g., cleaning products)?

Food Service	Do you recycle?
	 Aluminum Cans Glass Bottles Steel Cans Plastic Bottles and Jugs Corrugated Cardboard Mixed Paper (paperboard packaging) Plastic Bags and Film
	Do you donate any leftover food – perishable or nonperishable?
	Does your food service area provide reusable serviceware?
	Do you encourage the use of reusable cups and mugs?
	Do you provide bulk condiments for in-store use such as sugar, creamer, ketchup, mustard?
Vehicle Maintenance	Are used tires retreaded or recycled?
	Are rags or other cleanup products reusable (e.g., absorbent pads, filters)?
Shipping	Do you use reusable shipping materials?
	Do you reuse incoming packaging materials for outgoing shipments?
	Do your customers return shipping materials to you for reuse?
Manufacturing	Do you reduce the amount of manufacturing scraps or byproducts?
	Do you reuse manufacturing scraps or byproducts?
	Do you manufacture recycled-content products?