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Cartridge Collections

How GREEN is your OFFICE?

300 million empty printer cartridges end up in landfills around the world per annum[1].

This amounts to 2,4 million kg of plastic and metals that could easily be re-used or recycled.

South African legislation classifies printer cartridge waste as hazardous waste, meaning that if they are not disposed of correctly, they can cause pollution. Every effort should be made to re-use or recycle cartridges rather than disposing of them.

greenOFFICE provides a free empty cartridge collection service to your organisation. Once collected, cartridges are remanufactured for re-use or recycled. Partnering with greenOFFICE for your empty cartridge collections has several significant environmental benefits:

- **Save energy:** the remanufacturing of printer cartridges saves between 25% to 40%^[2] of the energy needed to make an original cartridge
- **Save natural resources:** The remanufacturing of a printer cartridge saves approximately 2.8 litres^[3] of oil that would have been used in the original manufacture of a new cartridge.
- **Pollution prevention:** greenOFFICE ensure responsible end-life disposal, recycling or containment of cartridges and other associate waste that ensures pollution prevention. The remanufacture of cartridges also creates less air and water pollution than making cartridges from virgin materials.

Partnering with greenOFFICE, allowing us to collect your empty cartridges for re-manufacture, is an important part of creating a sustainable business.

Become a community partner

Most empty cartridges have a value. greenOFFICE will pay this value to a charity of your choice or to one of the designated greenOFFICE community partners.

Call us on **0860 000 444** or email **info@greenoffice.co.za**

Please visit our interactive website at:
www.greenoffice.co.za

¹ Recharger Magazine, 2003.

² Various articles, Recharger Magazine.

³ Gell, M. 2008. Carbon Footprint and EcoDesign of Toner Printer Cartridges. A Study Commissioned by UKCRA. <http://www.ukcra.com/>





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Our Collection Process



1.

greenOFFICE supplies you with a cartridge collection box.



2.

Place your empty printer cartridges in the box.

3.



Once box is full, give greenOFFICE a call.



5.

The box is dropped off at greenOFFICE for sorting and inspection.



4.

greenOFFICE will collect the box, or send the courier to collect it



6.

greenOFFICE pays you the value of the empty cartridges, or you can donate the value to charity



7.

greenOFFICE remanufactures the cartridges for re-use, exports them to international re-manufacturers or if they are damaged, disposes of them an environmentally friendly way.

