



The Town of Vienna's Conservation and Sustainability Commission (CSC) works to help create and maintain a resilient community for future generations. Vienna businesses and non-profit organizations are a big part of that sustainable future. The CSC is here to encourage and support organizations as they strive to improve the public's quality of life through sustainable actions to benefit the community and future generations.

The CSC has compiled a list of best practices to help businesses and their customers adopt more sustainable habits. These small changes add up to a big impact on the environment, and could save money too.

All businesses

- Reduce thermostat temperature in winter, raise temperature in summer to lower energy consumption
- Keep doors closed when using heating or air conditioning
- Minimize water bottle use by providing a cooler or pitcher and paper cups
- Discourage single-use coffee/drink cups and encourage employees to bring mugs/tumblers from home
- Substitute kraft paper packaging for plastic
- Standardize the practice of double-sided printing and copying
- Reuse office supplies (envelopes, file folders, etc.)
- Use a hand dryer or reusable towels in restrooms
- Ensure trash is properly assembled and does not blow away
- Donate any unused supplies to schools or charity stores instead of throwing them away
- Make bicycle racks visible and encourage sustainable transportation
- Meet with staff to collaborate on water, energy, and waste saving options
- Use the Town of Vienna or Fairfax County recycling graphics to make sure staff are recycling correctly.

Restaurant-specific

- Provide straws and cutlery only when requested by customer
- Encourage customers to bring reusable totes, cups and takeaway boxes
- Opt for kraft/natural paper for food packaging instead of bleached paper or plastic
- Use all parts of vegetables or meat to minimize waste
- Train