

There's a growing and widespread awareness of the magnitude of the environmental challenges that we face locally, regionally, nationally and globally. The threat of escalating energy costs, water restrictions, raw material shortages, polluted air and water, species extinction and global warming looms larger than ever. So there's another reason for small businesses to green their operations: Not only does it make good business sense, it's quite simply the right thing to do!

TeamPeople is tuning up it's **greenpeople** in 2008, and taking progressive steps to make our business Earth-friendly. We realize no matter how small these initial changes may seem, over time the scope of our **greenpeople** program will gradually increase, and we are proud to part of the solution.

Just some of the **greenpeople** initiatives:

- Recycle ink & toner cartridges in office machines
- Major printings including proposals, done on dual-sided, recycled paper
- Conduct electronic invoicing & reporting with clients
- Conduct electronic sign-up with vendors
- Operate office equipment in 'energy efficient' modes
- Purchase from other green businesses, using the [Local Buying Guides](#), [Green Pages](#)
- Keep lights turned off
- Work with building management to install energy efficient florescent light bulbs
- Explore options and encourage environmentally friendly transportation for employees
- Install a water filter on the cold water line in the kitchen
- Replace disposable kitchen items (paper plates, plastic wear, paper/plastic cups) with washable, reusable products
- Recycle obsolete electronic equipment

We are planning for new ways to give back to our local communities, including:

- Using www.goodsearch.com as our primary business search engine, as a portion of advertising proceeds are donated to local charities. Conn. Ave. has selected [CASA of DC](#) as our beneficiary.
- Planning to participate in an annual volunteer project through [DC Cares](#).

Thank you for joining us in our efforts to give back!

If you have any questions or suggestions for the **greenpeople** program, please contact Operations Coordinator, Jenni Wheat at 202.454.0679.