

## KVH Takes Steps Toward "Greening" the Office

It seems like "going green," or changing our behavior to lessen our negative impact on the environment, is the most popular thing to do these days. You can "green" (yes, it's a verb now, too) everything from your toothbrush to your laundry detergent, but going green in the office is a whole other category. In addition to helping the Earth, it can also help a business' bottom line.

The KVH safety committee is working with facilities, human resources, and other departments to encourage more eco-friendly habits in the office. They've already accomplished a lot! For instance:

- All of the equipment, mechanical and HVAC, that Facilities has purchased for this building in the last three years has qualified for rebates from National Grid for being energy efficient. This includes:
  - a new compressor for Manufacturing
  - a cooling tower fan
  - a new HVAC pump
  - new heat pumps on the second floor
  - four new fresh air supply units on the roof
- Energy-efficient lighting throughout the building
- Programmable thermostats
- Timers or sensors for all exterior lighting
- KVH, as a manufacturer, is recycling at 80%, which puts us in the top tier among our peer businesses in RI
- The Marketing and Product Documentation departments recently implemented an electronic review process that allows reviewers to read documents, make comments, and give approval electronically, saving thousands of sheets of paper per year
- The Middletown office has been recycling e-waste, computers and monitors, fluorescent lamps, batteries and universal waste since 2004
- The lights in the cafeteria are controlled by a sensor so they shut off if they don't detect motion for 20 minutes