



LCA Resources

General

- A simple overview of Life Cycle Assessments from Quantis, maker of the Quantis software suite for conducting LCA research - http://www.quantis-intl.com/life_cycle_assessment.php
- A summary of Life Cycle Assessments with links to “Life Cycle Assessment: Principles and Practice” for an in depth look at LCA - <http://www.epa.gov/nrmrl/std/lca/lca.html>
- Learn about the latest LCA advancements, events, and certifications from The American Center for Life Cycle Assessment - <http://www.lcacenter.org>
- A user-friendly LCA calculator tool available for purchase or as a free trial - <http://www.lcacalculator.com/what-it-does/>
- Explanations of Carnegie Mellon’s Economic Input-Output Life Cycle Assessment including a free online tool - <http://www.eiolca.net>

Coffee Analysis: An In-Depth Look Into Your Morning Brew

- Check to see if your coffee provider is a Fair Trade partner - <http://www.fairtradeusa.org/products-partners>
- Facts about organic coffee including information on certification - http://www.ota.com/organic/organic_and_you/coffee_collaboration/facts.html
- An example of a coffee company (Green Mountain Coffee Roasters) publishing results of their own LCA on their website - <http://www.gmcr.com/Sustainability/SustainableProducts/Products/ProductImpact/LCA.aspx>
- Fact sheet on the coffee market. Learn about the staggering statistics on coffee use in recent years - <http://www.scaa.org/PDF/resources/facts-and-figures.pdf>
- Read the entire LCA comparing instant coffee to espresso and drip filter - <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0959652609001474>

Expanded Polystyrene and a 100% Compostable Alternative

- A Fort Collins-based commercial and residential curbside compost pick-up service - <http://www.cleanaircompost.com>
- Easy to use searchable directory of composting facilities throughout the United States - <http://findacomposter.com>
- City of Fort Collins resources on composting food waste at home - <http://www.fcgov.com/recycling/composting.php>
- Details on several options for recycling expanded polystyrene through EPS Industry Alliance Packaging - http://www.epspackaging.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8&Itemid=4
- Learn more about Ecovative Design LLC's production process and current projects - <http://www.ecovativedesign.com>
- Learn more about both standard and custom Mushroom Packaging products - <http://www.mushroompackaging.com>
- Watch a 9 minute TED Talk video from Eben Bayer, co-founder of Ecovative Design LLC - http://www.ted.com/talks/eben_bayer_are_mushrooms_the_new_plastic.html

Disposable Tissues or Reusable Handkerchiefs?

- Visit Seventh Generation's website to learn more about their environmentally friendly facial tissue products, along with many other household necessities - <http://www.seventhgeneration.com>
- Explore Greenpeace's Recycled Tissue and Toilet Paper Guide (available as a free download) to learn which brands you should be looking for at your local supermarket - <http://www.greenpeace.org/usa/en/campaigns/forests/tissue-guide/>
- A fun and creative handkerchief product that ensures a clean surface with every use - <http://hankybook.com>
- Try these 100% recycled tissues in your home or office - <http://www.marcaalsmallsteps.com/products/facial-tissues>
- 14 simple tips for "going green" while washing your handkerchief (and all of your other laundry) - http://www.cleaninginstitute.org/clean_living/cm_julyaug2011_clean_ideas_going_beyond_green_laundry.aspx

Computers: Use or Replace?

- Provides details and locations for donation sites, take-back programs, and recycling centers - <http://www.fcgov.com/recycling/computers-recycle.php>
- Read about the statistic on the management of both used and end-of-life electronics - <http://www.epa.gov/osw/conservation/materials/recycling/manage.htm>
- Learn about energy consumption of computers and how to reduce usage with power management strategies - http://204.13.11.223/research/computer_energy_consumption.pdf
- Review the usage of different computer types and models for comparison - <http://www.upenn.edu/computing/provider/docs/hardware/powerusage.html>
- Fact sheet providing information on when to turn off computers and monitors - <http://www.fcgov.com/recycling/pdf/computers-monitors.pdf>