Sustainability is creating and maintaining conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony that permit fulfilling social and economic requirements.

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DID YOU KNOW.. THAT PRINTER INK CAN COST MORE THAN A BOTTLE OF CHANEL NO. 5



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Or, that you can buy 2,652 gal. of gas for your car for the same price as a gallon of printer ink?\*

Check out an **infographic** from Consumer Reports to understand the true cost of printer ink.

\*Based on prices the week of June 10, 2013

### REASONS TO USE REMANUFACTURED TONER CARTRIDGES

#### Save money

Toner cartridges are one of UNO's highest office expenses. Last year UNO spent over \$150,000 on ink and toner cartridges alone. On average, remanufactured toner cartridges cost 15% less than new toner cartridges. If UNO bought all remanufactured toner cartridges we could save over \$20,000!

#### 2. Reduce environmental footprint.

One toner cartridge weighs about 3 pounds and uses around 3 quarts of oil in production. Last, year UNO bought over 2,000 ink and toner cartridges. If everyone bought remanufactured toner cartridges UNO would have prevented over 6,000 pounds of plastic, rubber and other waste from going into the landfill and saved 6,000 quarts of oil from being consumed in production.

#### 3. Performance

Remanufactured toner cartridges have come a long way since they were first introduced. Today, many performance tests show there is little to no difference in the performance of remanufactured toner cartridges versus new toner cartridges. One independent study was conducted by two government departments within the state of Minnesota. The departments found that the remanufactured toner cartridges performed just as well as the regular toner cartridges.

#### Read the case study

## Perform your own test

- One way to see if remanufactured toner cartridges are the right choice for you and your department is to try it out on one printer. This also helps in convincing those who still have concerns about buying remanufactured toner cartridges.
- Buying remanufactured toner cartridges is easy through e-shop.
  - 1. Search for the new cartridge for the printer you are looking for.
  - 2. Click "Add to Cart"
  - 3. Find "Greener Choice" button underneath the description of new cartridge.
  - 4. Click "Greener Choice" to switch out the new cartridge for a remanufactured one that is compatible with your printer.
- All Office Depot brand cartridges are produced by Clover Technologies Group and come with a warranty and guarantee. If an Office Depot brand remanufactured cartridge damages your printer, Clover will reimburse you for the cost of repairs
- IMPORTANT NOTE: printer manufacturers cannot legally void your warranty for not using their brand of ink and toner cartridges.
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### Lose the Desktop Printer and Save!

n effective way to reduce ink and toner is to move from desktop printers to centralized printers that serve the entire office or department. Desktop printers also use more energy and more paper (since they usually do not have a duplex option). A regional EPA office study found that a third of their printing costs were from desktop printers, but these printers only accounted for 15% of their total printing. The office found that it saved \$37,000 annually by consolidating printers. In another study, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services found a 15% reduction in costs for supplies and equipment from getting rid of desktop printers and moving to central printers. **BONUS**—Central network printers support confidentiality by pausing the print function until a user enters a code at the machine. As you can see the benefits of consolidating to a centralized printer are numerous!