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## **Australian workplaces flick their files for National Recycling Week**

More than 12,000 people in workplaces across Australia will be celebrating National Recycling Week (November 8 – 14) by participating in Planet Ark's **Friday File Fling**.

The Friday File Fling encourages workplaces to dedicate time to paper recycling on the Friday of National Recycling Week (Friday 12 November). Participating workplaces provide employees with time to sort through filing cabinets and desk drawers and recycle redundant paperwork and old documents.

Participating workplaces include Colonial First State, Sensis, Australia Post's Melbourne Head Office and Konica Minolta.

"Truckloads of high quality office paper are currently stored away in the filing cabinets of Australian workplaces never to be used again," says Planet Ark's Manager of Recycling Programs, Janet Sparrow. "Simply by hosting a fling you can help get that paper back into circulation. Last year our partner, Colonial First State, almost tripled the amount of paper it recycled."

40% of global timber production goes into making paper, yet only one in ten sheets of office paper gets recycled.

"Single-sided files not requiring secure destruction can be re-used to make an office notepad," says Janet Sparrow. "Files of a confidential nature can also be recycled, but participants should make sure they are placed in the appropriate recycling bin. If you're unsure, it's best to check with your supervisor."

Workplaces are invited to take part in the Friday File Fling and can register their participation at [RecyclingWeek.PlanetArk.org](http://RecyclingWeek.PlanetArk.org), where a number of adaptable resources (such as a coversheet for new notepads) and a step-by-step guide are available for download.

For more information about recycling or *National Recycling Week*, go to [RecyclingWeek.PlanetArk.org](http://RecyclingWeek.PlanetArk.org) or call the **National Recycling Hotline** on **1300 733 712**. *National Recycling Week* runs from November 8 – 14, 2010.

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