



STAFF at Nature's Path Foods in Richmond, B.C., maintain their own organic garden, and built a green roof on company headquarters

THE GREEN 30

Here are the Canadian companies that are leading the way in creating a new culture of environmentally responsible business **BY RICHARD YEREMA**

2009
Canada's Greenest Employers 

(x) number of Canadian full-time employees

Town of Banff

Municipality, Banff, Alta.

- Organic waste drop-off program with secure waste-collection bins for residents and visitors, in part because backyard composting can attract wildlife inside the park.
- "Towards Zero Waste Events" program to eliminate non-recyclable garbage generated at special events.
- Diesel-hybrid transit buses reduce carbon emissions and are washed with captured rainwater. (108)

Bayer Inc.

Health care and science business, Toronto

- Employee-led "Green Matters Team" reviews and manages its environmental initiatives.
- LED bulbs, computer-controlled lighting and heating systems, as well as environmental audits of all facilities; created a summer position for an environmental sciences student to assist in the auditing process.
- Tree and vegetation planting campaign

to "re-naturalize" and create a walking trail on its head office property, which has an 8,000-sq.-foot green roof on the main building. (885)

B.C. Public Service

Provincial civil service, Victoria

- Legally bound to be a carbon-neutral public sector employer by 2010, the first major political jurisdiction in North America to adopt such a goal.
- New government buildings to be constructed