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Green in Practice

In your December Editor's Note on sustainability, you posed the question, "What are you doing to be green at your company?" We have a very small office and are trying to use real cloth towels to minimize the amount of paper towels we use.

Dyson actually makes a hand dryer that works. I used it at an architect's office in New York. The suction almost removed my wedding ring.

When reviewing drawings, we always ask for them electronically. We only print them on paper when necessary.

Most interesting, I am getting com-

ments during my formal presentations to architects that they are "considering" low floor-to-floor height systems for buildings that normally would not require low floor-to-floor heights. Some architects have mentioned schools, office buildings, and modest two- to three-story structures. Lowering floor-to-floor heights reduces the amount of building materials used and decreases the volume of the building for heating, cooling, etc.

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