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THE GUIDE TO GETTING MORE FROM YOUR SPACE

HAVE YOU SEEN THE INCREDIBLE SHRINKING OFFICE?

If not, it may very well be coming soon to a workplace near you. And no, it's not a movie. It's the new reality. According to **CoreNet Global**, an association of real estate professionals, the average worker had **225 square feet of space in 2010; by 2017 that figure fell 33%, to 151 square feet**. With shrinking budgets, increased prices and limited space available, this is a trend that's likely here to stay.

So what can you do to make the most of your commercial office space? We're so glad you asked.

GO MODERN.



5 WAYS TO MAKEOVER YOUR SPACE WITH MODERN OFFICE FURNITURE

In years past, office space was designed around status where the masses were in cubicles and senior executives had earned their way to cushy, window and corner offices. But today it's not about separation, it's about collaboration. And to do that, particularly in a small commercial office space, you need function. Luckily modern office furniture gives you just that with the added bonus of style that's sure to impress any client and inspire productivity from employees. You might say it's all that and a bean bag chair.

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Some of the most creative ideas can come from chance meetings by the coffee maker, the copy machine or the stairs. So take advantage of that by creating open lounge areas with comfy sofas and coffee tables and perhaps even white boards for brainstorming; how mod is that?

If there's no space for extra common areas, no worries. You can make your break room dual purpose with reconfigurable tables and chairs and perhaps seating that doubles as storage. You could also bring in a flat screen television with video games for a space-saving way to incorporate some fun and stress relief into the work day. Whatever pieces you use, what's important is to create a space that encourages your employees to interact. From there, who knows what inspiration might come.



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If you're going for even more opportunity to collaborate in your small space consider an open layout, perhaps the most popular type of commercial office design today. Forget separate rooms or fully-enclosed spaces, and picture workstations situated together with everyone within reach.

Bonus: open layouts are typically cheaper as they involve less construction and equipment costs. Double-bonus: fewer walls means less time is needed to create the space and it's a more scalable option as personnel needs change.

Of course, there are times when a bit of separation is warranted for private conversations or some head-down time. Our solution? Glass! Smoked glass is a big trend and can be used not only to separate spaces but also in table tops and doors. It's the perfect way to maintain those sight lines and an open feel while adding a sleek, modern office look.



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You know this, but it's worth repeating (or shouting). Employees no longer have to be at a desk all day! And they don't want to be, nor should they, as sitting all day is pretty unhealthy. Use this to your advantage in a small work space with modern office furniture such as adjustable or stand-up desks and/or stand-up stations in conference areas. You can also use modular components that can be mixed into a range of combinations. These options allow employees to work in a way that fits the task at hand and makes them more comfortable, all while saving space.

What's more, it's not just your devices that can move with you through the day. Mobile filing cabinets allow you to roll them when and where you need, then tuck them away when you don't.



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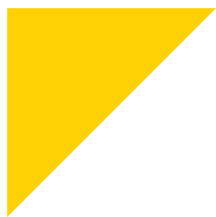
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Speaking of storage, are you taking advantage of your vertical space in the office? If not, you're in good company but consider this: in a small space you can nearly double the amount of storage with a tall wall unit as opposed to a horizontal unit in the same space.

Incorporate hutches that can be wall or desk mounted, particularly those with sliding doors for a more open feel. And you can also add floating shelving to display everything from art or mementos to files that need to be close at hand; perfect for keeping the clutter out of the way with a super-modern look.



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Take a look around your commercial office space; are there any areas that aren't being used? Even small spaces: A corner here for a huddle area? An unused closet there to put a phone booth? Yes, we did say phone booth. Although you likely thought you'd never see a phone booth again they're actually making a comeback as a space-saving and stylish way to incorporate some privacy in an open layout. The point is; use your imagination to see how you could bring those unused areas to life.

But don't forget, in keeping with our mobile concept from above; from ports to smartboards make sure you equip all your nooks and crannies with the technology necessary to help employees to be their most productive.

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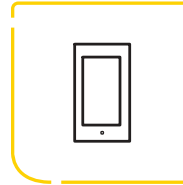
While these ideas are a great way to start getting more from your space, when it comes to modern office furniture, one size does not fit all. Think about your specific needs for a new build, or what you already have to work with in a remodel, and just as importantly, how you work and what you want your space to reflect (i.e. your company culture). It's a lot to consider, but know our team is here to help yours. Book a tour of our showroom and see how with a free design consultation.



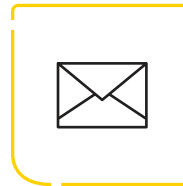
ABOUT TEAMMATES COMMERCIAL INTERIORS

Teammates is a commercial office furniture dealer, but we do a lot more than just sell furniture. Our team provides a full range of space planning, interior design, furniture sourcing, installation and maintenance services from start to finish.

We've worked with companies of all sizes for over 20 years creating innovative and inspiring office spaces that fit any budget. It's our mission to be the teammate you need to bring the full potential of your office space to life.



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