

# Office Feng Shui Essentials

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*A 7-Point Checklist To Transform Your Workspace Into A  
Modern Marvel Of Productivity And Creativity*



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# Introduction

**E**nergy is neither created nor destroyed.

We can only attempt to channel it in a way that makes us happy, creative and productive. This can be quite challenging in office environments that place mounting pressure on workers to drive results.

To alleviate stress and promote a healthy and sustainable workplace, businesses must consistently evaluate their workspace to gauge whether it is working for or against the achievement of their mission. Failure to do so can severely impact worker satisfaction and office culture if unruly work settings are wreaking havoc on creativity and productivity.

This action guide is designed to help you take the necessary steps to transform your office by providing a checklist that will help enhance your workspace dynamic based on the timeless and practical feng shui philosophy. Before revealing these pearls of wisdom, it is necessary to review key office feng shui essentials and their invigorating benefits.

# A Feng Shui Focused Approach

Office feng shui is an approach to layout designs that promotes healthy and inviting workspace environments infused with positive energy

Without what is considered to be “good or healthy” office feng shui, workplaces are doomed to suffer setbacks in work quality and team morale. This is because office feng shui is an omnipresent force that either limits or releases the flow of essential life energy, known as “Chi” by practitioners.

When properly channeled, Chi can spark creative energy that boosts productivity and activates the dynamics of workplace success.

Many factors can influence the quality of office feng shui, including: workstation arrangements, furniture materials, color schemes, and natural elements.

Due to its simplicity and pleasant nature, a feng shui focused approach to improving work conditions is gaining popularity with business brands committed to modernizing their office.

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# Benefits of Good Office Feng Shui

The allure of office feng shui as a contributor of workplace success is rooted in its ability to combine efficient space planning with optimal furniture arrangements.

It is within comfortable and functional office settings that workers are afforded the flexibility to not only interact and gather inspiration from their environment, but also express their creativity through their work. This sublime release of positive energy can become contagious and is often transmitted between team members to create an atmosphere of excellence that eventually permeates office culture.

Stellar business performance can only be achieved to the extent that work quality is improved and maintained, to the satisfaction of clients and workers.

By becoming more mindful of their workspace deficiencies and striving to enhance their office feng shui, growing business brands can position themselves for a rewarding workplace experience ripe for prosperity.

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# Office Feng Shui Checklist

Now that you are familiar with some of the fundamental concepts behind feng shui and its profound benefits on workplace success, it is time to delve into some critical action items to consider when assessing your own office environment.

Supplementing these checklist items are key insights and recommendations that will help you make the appropriate adjustments should your office have some deficiencies in relation to office feng shui best practices.

By no means is the following checklist an exhaustive measure of office feng shui success, since the practice of feng shui is far-reaching and steeped in more advanced concepts.

Neither are all the items mandatory, considering every workplace has different requirements and unique features to be accommodated.

1. Work Setting Are Facing Entry Points
2. Work Settings Provide A Solid Back Drop
3. Office Arrangements Maximize Aisle Space
4. Work Settings Are Not Directly Facing Each Other
5. Personal And Shared Workspace is Balanced
6. Furniture Properties Are In Harmony
7. Office Space Has Vibrant Color Schemes



# 1. Work Settings Are Facing Entry Points



Work settings that are oriented towards entry points are positioned to attract business opportunities. The opposite of this is considered “turning your back” on current and potential clients that can literally come walking right through the door.

Another major reason work settings should face main point of entries is to take advantage of what feng shui practitioners refer to as “command position.” Assuming command position gives you full visibility into your surroundings at all times, while allowing you to “take control” of your environment so that you bring your best to any situation you face.

When arranging your work settings in the command position, it is recommended you choose a location furthest from the door at an angle that keeps you from being directly exposed.

## 2. Work Settings Provide A Solid Backdrop



Having strong backing for your work settings is conducive to an office environment of stability and support. Without it, workers are subject to ongoing tension and irritability resulting from obscure feelings of vulnerability.

According to feng shui practitioners, a solid wall with a quality paint color and strong natural images—mountains, forest trees or the seashore—can make you feel protected and secure. High backed office chairs can also provide additional comfort and support.

Avoid having backdrops with protruding edges and cluttered office related items since they can release sharp energy targeted directly at your backside. It is recommended to also avoid sitting in front of windows and placing mirrors behind you since they leave the back of your head exposed to external and reflective energy.



# 3. Office Arrangements

## Maximize Aisle Space



Leaving sufficient space within aisles and walkways encourages steady energy flows, while limiting blockages and unnecessary squeezing of Chi energy. It also makes floor plans appear more spacious, which opens up room for increased mobility and flexible workstation arrangements.

Positioning work settings in a way that opens up aisle and walkway space must be combined with a constant clearing of workspace clutter. Often times, this means replacing or completely discarding bulky office furniture that takes up excessive space, as well as designating entirely different parts of the office for different functions to avoid congested workspaces.

According to feng shui experts, congested workspaces cause workers to feel disorganized, resulting in mental lapses and loss of focus.

## 4. Work Settings Are Not Directly Facing Each Other



Arranging work settings so that they are not facing each other avoids oppositional energy. Team members who share a direct line of sight tend to regularly focus on what their counterpart is doing, which increases distractions and can even cause confrontations. While better than being face-to-face, workstation arrangements that are back-to-back are also discouraged because they also transmit oppositional energy.

To eliminate uneasy feelings of opposition, it is recommended that workstation arrangements be placed in complimentary positions, which is either side-by-side or at angles that are not at odds with one's line of sight or backside. If you are unable to avoid face-to-face or back-to-back workstation arrangements, it is advised you place purifying plants in between to absorb and buffer oppositional energy.



# 5. Personal And Shared Workspace is Balanced



Balancing personal and shared workspaces within your office environment is the link between individual productivity and team performance. As a result, team members are afforded the ability to come together to generate ideas, then break apart to execute next steps. This ongoing dynamic of private and collaborative work is critical to delivering quality results and also forging a culture of teamwork and accountability.

To successfully balance “me” and “we” work in your office, make sure to designate different parts of your workspace to support either individual and collaborative work exclusively. A clear separation gives your office a healthy contrast, and will activate shifts in energy and mood to fit preferred working conditions. Well executed open office layouts can accomplish this feat seamlessly.

# 6. Furniture Properties Are In Harmony



The five feng shui elements are: fire, metal, wood, earth, and water. Each of these elements have their own unique properties (expansion, strength, stability, calmness and clarity) that are necessary to promoting a healthy and pleasant office environment. The challenge comes in striking a complimentary balance that allows elements to thrive off each other and transmit that energy to team members.

To help neutralize all the metal you likely have in your office (filing cabinets, furniture parts and computers), make sure to integrate quality lighting, wooden decor, images of nature and small fountains. This particular blend will ensure you have just enough of each element so they work in harmony to help you achieve a workspace balance that enhances creativity and productivity.

# 7. Office Space Has Vibrant Color Schemes



Workspace color has powerful expressive qualities that can bring your office environment to life. An important consideration to make when choosing the right color schemes for your workspace is how well they absorb and reflect light. Vibrant colors help the lighting in darker offices, while more subdued colors help calm workspaces that are already well lit.

Feng shui experts recommend choosing color schemes based on the five elements to accentuate desired properties in your workspace. For example, green-blue hues and earthy tones promote serenity and stability, which stimulate feelings of being well-grounded. Metallic colors such as gray and white have gained popularity in recent times, given their association with sophistication and clarity. Avoid bright colors in open office layouts, as they are too active for large rooms with a lot of movement.



# Experience The Transformation

Understanding the essentials of office feng shui is only the first step on the journey to activating a more impactful and invigorating workplace culture. Seizing the abundant supply of creative energy delivered by superior office feng shui requires swift and meaningful action on behalf business brands committed to furthering their growth and prosperity.

This 7-Point Checklist was developed as guide to help you evaluate your office environment, and should be used as a stepping stone. By going through each of the points, you will be able gauge the overall effectiveness of your office feng shui.

If you consider that your workspace needs [workstation enhancements](#) or [upgrades to office layouts and furniture](#), you should consult with a proven partner that can help you turn your vision of a modern office into reality.



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