

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING RESOURCES

The following list primarily focuses on resources for environmentally preferable product lists and procurement/contract language for environmental products.

Getting Started

- [Responsible Purchasing Network \(RPN\) Ten Steps to Starting an Sustainable Purchasing Program](#)
- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's [Green Purchasing: A Guide for Local Governments](#) on how to establish and implement an EPP Program
- Evaluate your organization's environmental purchasing initiatives with [North American Green Purchasing Initiative's Self Assessment Tool](#)
- Stopwaste.org [Model Environmental Purchasing Policy](#) and [Implementation Guidance](#)

Federal Resources

US Environmental Protection Agency

- [Environmentally Preferable Purchasing \(EPP\) Program](#)
- [Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool \(EPEAT\)](#)
 - [EPEAT Model Contract and Policy Language](#)
 - [EPEAT Example State and Local Government Purchase Contracts](#)
- [WaterSense](#)- Water efficient products
- [Design for Environment Safer Product Labeling Program](#)
- [Life Cycle Assessment Principals and Practices](#)
- [Cleaning Products Procurement Guidance](#)
- [Priority Chemicals to Reduce](#)
- [Substitutes for Ozone Depleting Chemicals](#)
- [Wastes – Resource Conservation Products](#)
- [Greener Products Portal](#)

US Department of Energy

- [Energy Efficient Product Procurement](#)
- [Energy Star Example Procurement Language](#)
- [Alternative Fuel and Advanced Vehicles Data Center](#)

US Department of Agriculture

- [Sustainable Procurement Program](#)
- [Certified Organic](#)
- [Biopreferred Program and Label](#)

Federal Facilities Environmental Stewardship and Compliance Assistance Center

- [FedCenter.gov - Buy Green Resources](#)

US General Services Administration

- [GSA Energy Star Requirements for Lease Acquisition](#)

State Resources

Maryland

- [Green Maryland Act 2010](#)
- [State of Maryland Acceptable Recycled Products \(Laws and Regulations\)](#)
- [State of Maryland price preference for recycled products](#)

- [Maryland Department of Natural Resources \(MD DNR\) Green Procurement and Environmentally Preferred Products Resources](#)
- [Not so Green and Greener Purchasing Options List by MD DNR](#)

Virginia

- [Virginia Dept of Veteran Affairs Green Purchasing Resources](#)
 - [Virginia Green Purchasing Brochure](#)

Additional Environmentally Preferred Products Resources

- [US Communities Going Green](#)
- [RPN Environmental Labels and Rating Systems](#)
- [Office Depot GreenerOffice](#)
- [The Seven Sins of Greenwashing](#) - Avoid “false labels” and other signs of greenwashing
- [City of San Francisco’s SFApproved Product List](#)
- [State of Washington Dept of Ecology Product Fact Sheets](#)
- [King County, Washington Environmental Purchasing Bulletins](#)
- [GovDeals](#) – Government surplus marketplace
- [Purchasing Impact Estimator](#)
- [EPPnet](#): Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) Environmental Preferable Products ListServ

Additional Procurement and Contract Language Resources

- [Responsible Purchasing Network Cleaning Products Specifications](#)
- [ENACT Government Food Policy Guides and Examples](#)
- [Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Guide to Developing a Sustainable Food Purchasing Policy](#)
- [Sample Policy Procurement Language for Forest Resources](#)
- [City of Ottawa Ethical Purchasing Policy](#)
- [San Francisco Fair Trade Certified Goods Resolution](#)