

Environmental Purchasing Policy

To receive stewardship recognition for an **ENVIRONMENTAL PURCHASING POLICY**, a company must fulfill one of the following two requirements: The company can either have a written policy that requires the purchase of environmentally responsible products utilized by its facility, or the company can have documentation of preferred products purchased and presence of substantial environmentally preferred products on-site.



Developing an effective ENVIRONMENTAL PURCHASING POLICY

*Environmental aspect should be obvious or easily explained by a company representative.

*Purchasing must demonstrate a concern for the environment that exceeds the industry standard.

*A written policy is not required where environmentally preferred purchasing can be demonstrated with documentation and product upon inspection.



An **ENVIRONMENTAL PURCHASING POLICY** may show preference for:

- ⇒ Recycled products
- ⇒ Energy efficient or alternative energy powered machinery or vehicles
- ⇒ Bio-based products
- ⇒ Alternatives to environmentally hazardous chemicals or waste generating materials
- ⇒ Products produced with minimal water use
- ⇒ Environmentally friendly office supplies

Benefits include:

1. Decreased environmental impact and carbon footprint
2. Decreased liability and greater ease in adhering to external regulations
3. Reduction of operation costs through use of more efficient technologies
4. Competitive advantages
5. Improved public image

For more information on **ENVIRONMENTAL PURCHASING:**

NASPO Green Purchasing Guide

<http://www.naspo.org/green/index.html>

EPA Report – Integrating Green Purchasing into Your Environmental Management System

<https://www.epa.gov/greenerproducts/integrating-green-purchasing-your-environmental-management-system-ems>

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