



Green P-Card Purchasing

October 2025



Quick Survey!

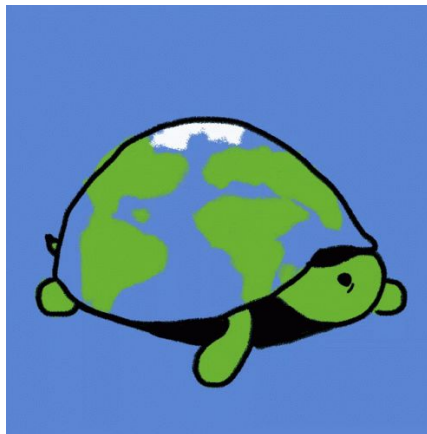
On a Scale of 1 - 5, how do you rate your Green Purchasing knowledge?

- 1 - I've never heard the term Green Purchasing before.
- 2 - Isn't that where you only buy products that are the color Green?
- 3 - I've heard of Green Purchasing, but I'm not entirely sure how it relates to me.
- 4 - I understand Green Purchasing, but am always looking to increase my knowledge.
- 5 - I'm the Yoda of Green Purchasing!

Agenda

1. What is green purchasing?
2. Laws and Regulations
3. How to know that green products are actually green
4. Finding Green Products
5. Green Purchasing Reporting
6. **Questions**
7. Conclude

What is Green Purchasing and Why Does it Matter?



What is Green Purchasing?

The procurement of "...products and services that have a **lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment** when compared to competing products and services that serve the same purpose."



AKA:

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP)

Sustainable Procurement

"Buying Green"

What are Environmentally Preferable Products?

“Environmentally preferable product or service” means a product or service that throughout the full life cycle:

- is energy efficient, water efficient, bio-based, non-ozone depleting, made with recycled content, or nontoxic; or
- has other attributes recognized as environmentally preferable by the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee



Maryland's State Finance & Procurement Article §14-405

Green Purchasing Benefits

Environmental Benefits

- Helping Maryland meet its Sustainability Commitments
- Climate protection (reducing GHG emissions), conserving natural resources, promoting biodiversity
- Reducing waste going to landfills and incinerators
- Preventing toxic chemical releases into the environment (protecting local air/water quality)

Health Benefits

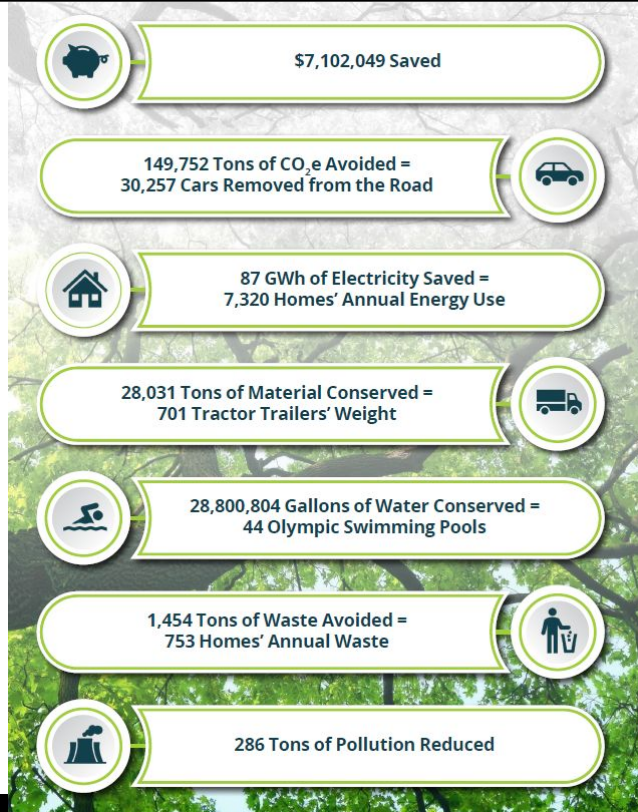
- Avoiding toxic chemicals of concern (to protect workers and building occupants)
- Improving indoor air quality

Economic Benefits

- Initial Cost Savings (reducing upfront costs by eliminating disposables, choosing remanufactured products)
- Lower Total Cost of Ownership (long-term savings through procurement of more efficient products)
- Best Value (additional benefits such as training, recycling, etc.)

Leading by Example

Green Purchasing Benefits in FY24



	Emissions Avoided/ Resources Savings	Pollutants & Toxic Materials Avoidance	Cost Savings
Electric Vehicles	750 tons of CO ₂ e	.01 tons of SO ₂ .49 tons of NO _x .41 tons of VOCs .02 tons of PM _{2.5}	Cost savings expected in the future
Green Electronics & IT	66 GWh of electricity 13,769 tons of CO ₂ e 20,960 tons of material 8,173,950 gallons of water	8 tons of toxic substances 180,338 lbs. of hazardous waste	\$5,914,588
High Yield & Remanufactured Ink Cartridges	31 tons of CO ₂ e 70 tons of material	Unable to be estimated at this time	\$142,955
LED Lighting	8.7 GWh of Electricity	2.5 tons of SO ₂ 2.2 tons of NO _x .4 tons of PM _{2.5}	\$1,014,416
Recycled Paper	5 GWh of Electricity 10,313 tons of CO ₂ e 20,626,854 gallons of Water	57.65 tons of SO ₂ 10.14 tons of PM _{2.5} .52 ton of HAPs	
Recycled Products (Non-Paper)	7 GWh of electricity 728 tons of CO ₂ e 561 tons of material	Unable to be estimated at this time	
Renewable Energy	118,280 tons of CO ₂ e	49 tons of SO ₂ 43 tons of NO _x 2 tons of VOCs 7 tons of PM _{2.5}	

EPP Statutes & Regulations

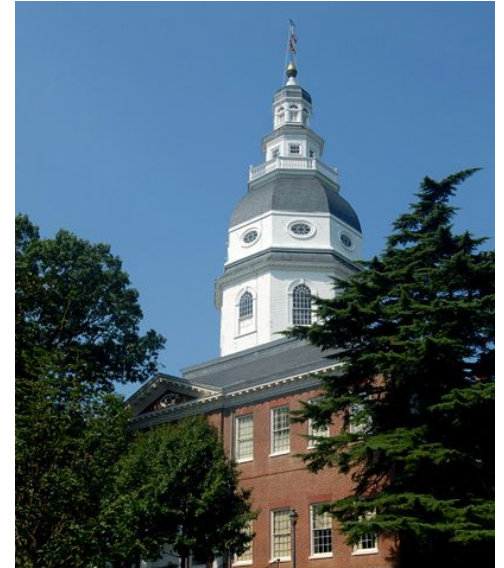


EPP Statutes & Regulations

Maryland has MANY statutes and regulations on EPP or relevant to green purchasing

Major laws

- Green Maryland Act (2010)
- Environmentally Preferable Procurement - Maryland Green Purchasing Committee (2014)



Maryland's Green Purchasing Program

- Est. 2010 by the Green Maryland Act
- Inter-Agency Green Purchasing Committee
 - General Services (Chair & Provides Staffing)
 - Budget & Management
 - Commerce
 - Education
 - Environment
 - Health
 - Information Technology
 - Natural Resources
 - Public Safety & Correctional Services
 - State Treasurer
 - Transportation
 - University System of Maryland



Promote



Train



Develop policies
& guidelines



Coordinate



Publish
Specs



Report

EPP Requirements for State

"All procurement agencies shall purchase environmentally preferable products and services unless purchasing environmentally preferable products and services would limit or supersede any requirements under any provision of law or result in the purchase of products and services that:

- (1) Do not perform adequately for the intended use;*
- (2) Exclude adequate competition; or*
- (3) Are not available at a reasonable price in a reasonable period of time."*

Green Purchasing Specs

Per statute, the Green Purchasing Committee approves and publishes “Environmentally Preferable Specifications” that Agencies shall then adopt

§14-405.

- (b) (1) To encourage the maximum purchase of environmentally preferable products and services, the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee established under § 14-410 of this subtitle shall establish environmentally preferable specifications to be adopted by State agencies.
- (2) The environmentally preferable specifications shall be published and maintained online by the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee for use by State agencies.
- (c) Each State unit shall review annually the procurement specifications currently used by the unit and, to the extent practicable:
 - (1) adopt the environmentally preferable specifications published by the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee; and
 - (2) revise the unit’s procurement specifications in accordance with § 14-410 of this subtitle.

What is a Green Purchasing Specification?

1. Prohibited Products
2. Minimum Requirements
3. Product Recommendations
4. Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Language
5. Legislation, Statutes, Regulations

- Specifications include all relevant laws, statutes, and regulations.
 - *If you don't know what the minimum and statutory requirements are for products, neither will the vendors.*
- Green requirements have been vetted by the Committee.
 - *Products meeting those requirements are shown to be commercially available on the market.*
- Environmental certifications referenced in the specification do not contribute to greenwashing.

What Categories are Covered by Green Specs?

Building Systems and Related Equipment

- HVAC Systems
- Plumbing and Other Water Using Fixtures
- Flooring and Adhesives

Electric Vehicles and Related Equipment

- Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment

Electronics and Other Equipment

- Electronic and IT Products
- Electronic and IT Product Disposal
- Appliances

Food and Food Service Supplies

- Food Service Supplies
- Shell Eggs

Janitorial Supplies and Services

- Janitorial Supplies
- Janitorial Services
- Laundry Services

Landscaping Supplies

- Landscaping Aggregate
- Landscaping Compost
- Landscaping Mulch
- Landscaping Plants
- Landscaping Services
- Landscaping Soil Amendments
- Landscaping Supplies
- Integrated Pest Management (Indoor)
- Integrated Pest Management (Outdoor)

Lighting

Office Supplies

- Office Supplies (general)
- Waste and Recycling Containers
- Batteries & Battery Chargers
- Paper Products
- Toner Cartridges

Organics Recycling

Paints and Coatings

Transportation and Related Maintenance

- Snow and Ice Control Products
- Engine Coolants (Antifreeze)
- Sealants

EPP Highlight: IT

Purchasing Electronic Products

“When purchasing an electronic product to be used by the State, a procurement agency shall purchase an electronic product that:

- (1) Is listed and rated silver or gold on the EPEAT registry; or
- (2) Meets nationally-recognized and consensus-based standards established by a comprehensive environmental rating system approved by the Department of Information Technology.”



EPP Highlight: Office Supplies

Recycled Content — Paper Products

Paper and paper products purchased by the State must contain at least 80% post-consumer recycled content.

If 80% post-consumer recycled content paper is not available, purchases must, at a minimum, comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Comprehensive Procurement guideline for federal procurement of paper and paper products containing recovered materials (40 C.F.R. Part 247).



How Do You Know Products and Services Are *Actually* Green?



Is It Really Green?

Green·wash (grēn'wōsh') – *verb*:

The act of misleading consumers about the environmental practices of a company or the environmental benefits of a product or service.



NATURAL



No Greenwashing Allowed!

"A bidder or offeror for a procurement contract shall certify in writing that any claims of environmental attributes made relating to a product or service are consistent with the Federal Trade Commission's Guidelines for the Use of Environmental Marketing Terms."



The Solution: Environmental Certification (aka Ecolabel)

What Makes an Ecolabel Credible?

- Created by an independent (third-party) entity
- Transparent and participatory
- Represents a leadership standard
- Addresses product performance
- Lists certified products



Approved Ecolabels

Table 1: Accepted Ecolabels for Environmentally Preferable Products

	Construction & Maintenance	Electronic & IT Products	Food Service Ware	Janitorial Supplies	Lighting Products	Office Supplies	Paints & Coatings
Biodegradable Products Institute							
Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association Level							
Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI) Green Label Plus							
Clear Roads Qualified Product List							
Compost Manufacturing Alliance							
Cradle to Cradle (Silver or Higher)							
DesignLights Consortium							
ENERGY STAR							
EPEAT (Silver and Gold)							
EPA CPG							
Fair Trade Certified							
Forest Stewardship Council							
Green Seal							
Greenwise or Greenwise Gold							
MPI Green Performance Standard (e.g., Extreme Green, GPS-1, GPS-2)							
Rainforest Alliance							
Safer Choice							
Scientific Certification Systems Indoor (SCS) Advantage Gold or FloorScore							
UL ECOLOGO							
UL GREENGUARD							
UL GREENGUARD Gold							
WaterSense Certified							

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DesignLights Consortium							
ENERGY STAR							
EPEAT (Silver and Gold)							



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- History and Mission
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- Committee Members
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Resources

- Specifications
- Saving Money by Buying Green
- [Best Practices Manual](#)
- [For Procurement Officers](#)
- For Purchasers
- Agency Reporting

Events and Meetings

Contact

Finding Green Products

Rudolph Supply

<https://www.ecinteractiveplus.com/4751>

Rudolph Supply

Products Lists Quick Order

Enter keywords



Sign In



Return Policy

Proof of Delivery

Order Reminders

(410) 931-4150

Live Chat Offline

Home > Office Supplies > Folders & Filing Supplies

Folders & Filing Supplies

Showing Items 1 to 24 of 1,556

Select All

View

All Filters

New Product

Brand Name

Product Type

Country Of Origin

Product Material

Category: Folders & Filing Supplies

Select



Smead Manufacturing Company

Smead Easy Slide Hanging Folder Tabs - Clear Poly Tab(s) - 18 / Pack

SMD54626

\$12.46 / Pack



- 1 +

Add to Cart

Select



Smead Manufacturing Company

Smead Hanging Folder Frames - Letter - 23" x 27" Long - Steel - Gray - 2 / Pack

SMD64870

2 Reviews

\$27.57 / Pack



- 1 +

Add to Cart

Select



Smead Manufacturing Company

Smead Super/Tab 1/3 Tab Cut Letter Recycled Top Tab File Folder - 8 1/2" x 11" - 3/4" Expansion - Top Tab Location - ...

SMD10301

\$51.72 / Box



- 1 +

Add to Cart

Select



Smead Manufacturing Company

Smead Legal Recycled File Wallet - 8 1/2" x 14" - 5 1/4" Expansion - Top Tab Location - Redrope - Redrope - 30% ...

SMD71169

\$15.48 / Each



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Add to Cart

All Filters

Brand Name



Product Type



Country of Origin



Product Material



Shape



Color Family



Application/Usage



Recycled



Made in USA



Sustainable



Packaged Quantity



Basis Weight



Features



Sheet Standard



Sheet Size



Color



Tab Cut

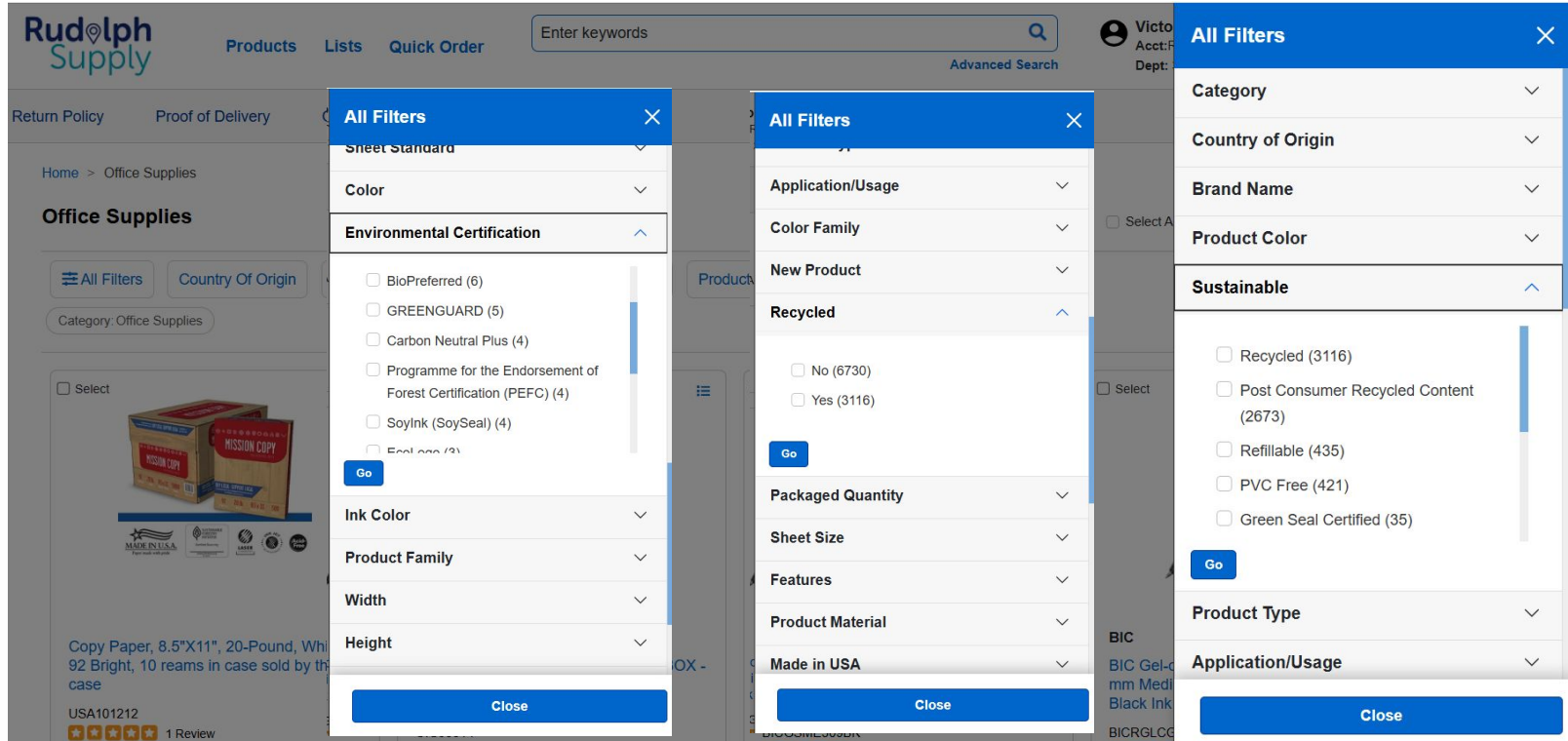


Folder Thickness



Green product categories:

- Office supplies - Copy paper, folders, writing utensils, paper note pads, calendars, batteries
- Janitorial supplies - General purpose cleaners, tissue paper, soaps & sanitizers
- Electronics & IT - Printers
- Food serviceware - Paper cups, plates, bowls, cutlery



The screenshot displays the Rudolph Supply website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Products', 'Lists', and 'Quick Order' links, a search bar with the placeholder 'Enter keywords', and a user profile icon for 'Victor'. Below the navigation bar, the page title 'Office Supplies' is visible, along with a breadcrumb trail 'Home > Office Supplies'. A sidebar on the left shows 'All Filters' and 'Country Of Origin' buttons, and a category filter for 'Office Supplies'. The main content area features a product image of 'MISSION COPY' paper and a description: 'Copy Paper, 8.5\"X11\", 20-Pound, White, 92 Bright, 10 reams in case sold by the case'. Three filter panels are overlaid on the page:

- Left Filter Panel:**
 - Sheet Standard:** (Dropdown)
 - Color:** (Dropdown)
 - Environmental Certification:** (Expanded)
 - ☐ BioPreferred (6)
 - ☐ GREENGUARD (5)
 - ☐ Carbon Neutral Plus (4)
 - ☐ Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) (4)
 - ☐ SoyInk (SoySeal) (4)
 - ☐ Equal (3)
 - Ink Color:** (Dropdown)
 - Product Family:** (Dropdown)
 - Width:** (Dropdown)
 - Height:** (Dropdown)
- Middle Filter Panel:**
 - Application/Usage:** (Dropdown)
 - Color Family:** (Dropdown)
 - New Product:** (Dropdown)
 - Recycled:** (Expanded)
 - ☐ No (6730)
 - ☐ Yes (3116)
 - Packaged Quantity:** (Dropdown)
 - Sheet Size:** (Dropdown)
 - Features:** (Dropdown)
 - Product Material:** (Dropdown)
 - Made in USA:** (Dropdown)
- Right Filter Panel:**
 - All Filters:** (Header)
 - Category:** (Dropdown)
 - Country of Origin:** (Dropdown)
 - Brand Name:** (Dropdown)
 - Product Color:** (Dropdown)
 - Sustainable:** (Expanded)
 - ☐ Recycled (3116)
 - ☐ Post Consumer Recycled Content (2673)
 - ☐ Refillable (435)
 - ☐ PVC Free (421)
 - ☐ Green Seal Certified (35)
 - Product Type:** (Dropdown)
 - Application/Usage:** (Dropdown)

Each filter panel includes a 'Go' button and a 'Close' button at the bottom.

Elite Image

Elite Image Remanufactured High Yield Laser Toner Cartridge - Single Pack - Alternative for HP 26X (CF226X) - Black - 1 Each

Item #: ELI76296 [Email](#) [Print](#)



\$231.92 / Each



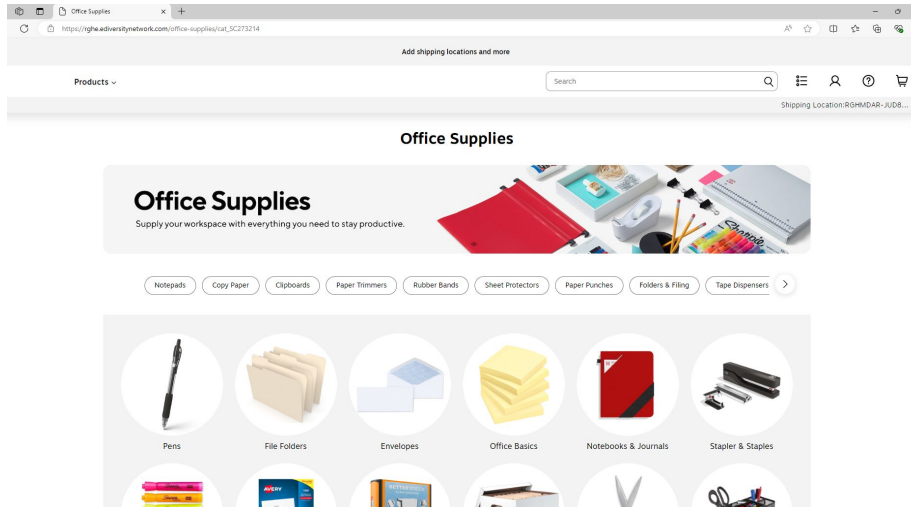
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Add to Cart

[+ Add to List](#)

RGH/Staples

Sign up for an account by sending an email to rghe@ediversitynetwork.com:



Green product categories:

- Office supplies - Toner cartridges, copy paper, folders, writing utensils, paper note pads, calendars
- Janitorial supplies - General purpose cleaners, tissue paper, soaps & sanitizers
- Electronics & IT - Printers, laptops, monitors
- Food serviceware - Paper cups, plates, bowls, cutlery

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Products ^



 Print & Marketing >

 Industry Solutions >

Office Supplies >

Paper >

Computers & Accessories >

Printers & Scanners >

Electronics >

Furniture >

Cleaning Supplies >

Facilities Maintenance >

Food & Breakroom >

Pack & Ship >

Safety Supplies >

Shop by Brand >

Shop Eco Products >

Shop Diversity Products >

SHOP ECO-ID BY CATEGORY

Copy & Printer Paper

Ink & Toner

Janitorial Paper

Cleaners

Soaps & Sanitizers

Cups, Plates, Bowls & Cutlery

Coffee & Tea

SHOP ECO-ID BY BRAND

Staples

Perk

HP

Coastwide Professional

Avery

GOJO

Purell

Sylvamo

RECYCLING

Ink & Toner

Electronics

SHOP BY ECO FEATURE

Eco-ID

Energy Star

EPA Safer Choice

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

Organic

Recycled

Shipping



g Supplies

Recent orders to display.



Staples Recycled Copy Paper, 8.5" x 11", 20 lbs., White, 500 Sheets/Ream, 10 Reams/Carton (620014)

Item #: 620014 | Model #: 34020501 | CIN #: 620014

4.7 ★★★★★ [712 Reviews](#) | [2 Questions](#)

\$83.89 Market price

\$65.74 Contract price: 21% off [?](#)

5000 ct

Sheet Dimension

8.5" x 11" (US letter)

Number of Reams

10-Ream

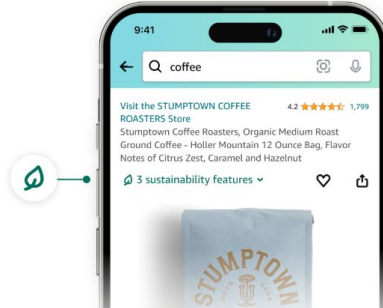
1-Ream



Delivered FREE

How do I shop for more sustainable products?

While searching for products on Amazon, look for the leaf icon and the sustainability features label to identify more sustainable products. You can also find this label on product pages, where you can learn more about the sustainability features, which are backed by certifications.



Delivery

☐ All Prime

Delivery Day

☐ Get It by Tomorrow

More-sustainable Products

☐ Climate Pledge Friendly

Department

Computers & Tablets

Traditional Laptop Computers
2 in 1 Laptop Computers

Customer Reviews

★★★★☆ & Up

Brands

☐ HP




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Hello, Vick
Account

[Amazon Basics](#)
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[Amazon Home](#)

Playing options.

Sponsored ⓘ

Apple 2024 MacBook Air 13-inch Laptop with M3 chip: Built for Apple
Liquid Retina Display, 8GB Unified Memory, 256GB SSD Storage, Backlit

Options: 2 capacities

★★★★★ 1,165
5K+ bought in past month

\$1,006⁹⁹ List: \$1,099.00
Or e.g. \$46.12/mo (x36) 36% APR

Display Size: **13.6 inches** Disk Size: **256 GB** RAM: -

✓prime One-Day
FREE delivery **Tomorrow, Oct 2**

🌱 1 sustainability feature ▼

Sold by Amazon

[Add to cart](#)

[+3 colors/patterns](#)

Sponsored ⓘ

Lenovo IdeaPad 1 Student Laptop, Intel Dual Core Processor, 20GB RAM
15.6" FHD Display, 1 Year Office 365, Windows 11 Home, Wi-Fi 6, Webcam



Canon PIXMA TR4720 All-in-One Wireless Printer, Home Use with Auto Document Feeder, Mobile Printing and Built-in Fax, Black

★★★★☆ ▾ 11,544

6K+ bought in past month

\$69⁰⁰ List: \$99.99

✓prime

FREE delivery **Tue, Jan 28**

Or fastest delivery **Sat, Jan 25**

🔵 Works with Alexa ▾

🌱 1 sustainability feature ▾

Add to cart

More Buying Choices

\$67.13 (48 used & new offers)

Grainger

GRAINGER Catalog Find A Branch KeepTrack Help 1-800-GRANGER Rachel Price | Acc # 0811560267

All Products 4PL16 Bulk Order My Account

Product Categories / Lighting / Light Bulbs & Lamps / Linear Light Bulbs & Lamps / GE LAMPS Linear Fluorescent Bulb 4 ft.

GE LAMPS Linear Fluorescent Bulb: 4 ft Nominal Lg, T8, 32 W Watt, 4100K, 3,000 lm Light Output

Item 4PL16 Mfr. Model F32T8/SPX41/E002



Tap image to zoom. ☐ Compare

Product Details Catalog Page 407

Brand GE LAMPS	Light Output 3,000 lm
Manufacturer Part Number F32T8/SPX41/E002	Light Technology Fluorescent
ANSI Code 100S-2	Minimum Operating Temperature 50 °F
Bulb Base Type Medium Bi-Pin (G13)	Nominal Length 4 ft
Bulb Designation F32T8/SPX41/E002	Overall Length 48 in
Bulb Diameter 1 in	Power Source Requires Separate Ballast
Bulb Housing Glass/Metal	Rated Life 30,000 hr
Bulb Shape T8	Shatter-Resistant No
Color Rendering Index 83	Standards TOLP Compliant
Color Temperature 4100K	Start Type Rapid
Dimmable Yes	Voltage Ballast Dependent
High Output No	Wattage 32 W
Light Appearance Cool White (4100 to 4900K)	UNSPSC 39101605
Light Color White	Country of Origin China (subject to change)

Product Description
These lamps are direct replacements for existing fluorescent linear lamps. They install into compatible, ballast-powered light fixtures.

Compatible Products

 LUMAPRO Safety Sleeves: Safety Sleeves, 48 in Overall Lg, Red, T8 Item 1ES18 ☐ Compare Your Price \$5.61 / each Qty 1 Add to Cart	 LUMAPRO Safety Sleeves: Safety Sleeves, 48 in Overall Lg, Yellow, T8 Item 1ES20 ☐ Compare Your Price \$5.58 / each Qty 1 Add to Cart	 LUMAPRO Safety Sleeves: Safety Sleeves, 48 in Overall Lg, Clear, T8 Item 1ES22 ☐ Compare Your Price \$3.88 / each Qty 1 Add to Cart	 ADVANCE Fluorescent Ballast: T8, 120 to 277V AC, 2, 3 Bulbs Supported, 32 W Max, Bulb Watts Item 1VN21 ☐ Compare Your Price \$7.31 / each Qty 1 Add to Cart
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Compliance & Restrictions

☒ This item is restricted in certain states. View all states.

☒ Environmentally Preferable Product - This item has been designated by the manufacturer as an environmentally preferable product (EPP) because this item has one or more environmentally preferable attributes. Environmentally Preferable Attribute: Product Contributes To Reducing Energy Consumption. Meets U.S. Federal minimum energy efficiency standards. (Click E)

Alternate Products


GE LAMPS Linear LED Bulb: Type A, 4 ft Nominal Lg, T8, 14 W Watt, 32 W, 32 W Watt Equivalency, 4000K
Item 467W19
☐ Compare
Your Price **\$7.75 / each**
Min. qty. of 20: \$155.00
Qty 20 **Add to Cart**
This product can only be shipped in multiples of 20.


GE LAMPS Linear LED Bulb: Type B, 4 ft Nominal Lg, T8, 14 W Watt, 32 W, 32 W Watt Equivalency, 4000K
Item 494996
☐ Compare
Your Price **\$6.87 / each**
Min. qty. of 20: \$137.40
Qty 20 **Add to Cart**

Customers Also Viewed

State of MD
Contract Pricing



Expected
Delivery

Environmentally
Preferable Product &
Attributes

Alternate Green
Product



Our Pillars ▾

Projects

Products

Our Eco Suppliers ▾

Our Commitment



All

Carbon Emissions

Circularity

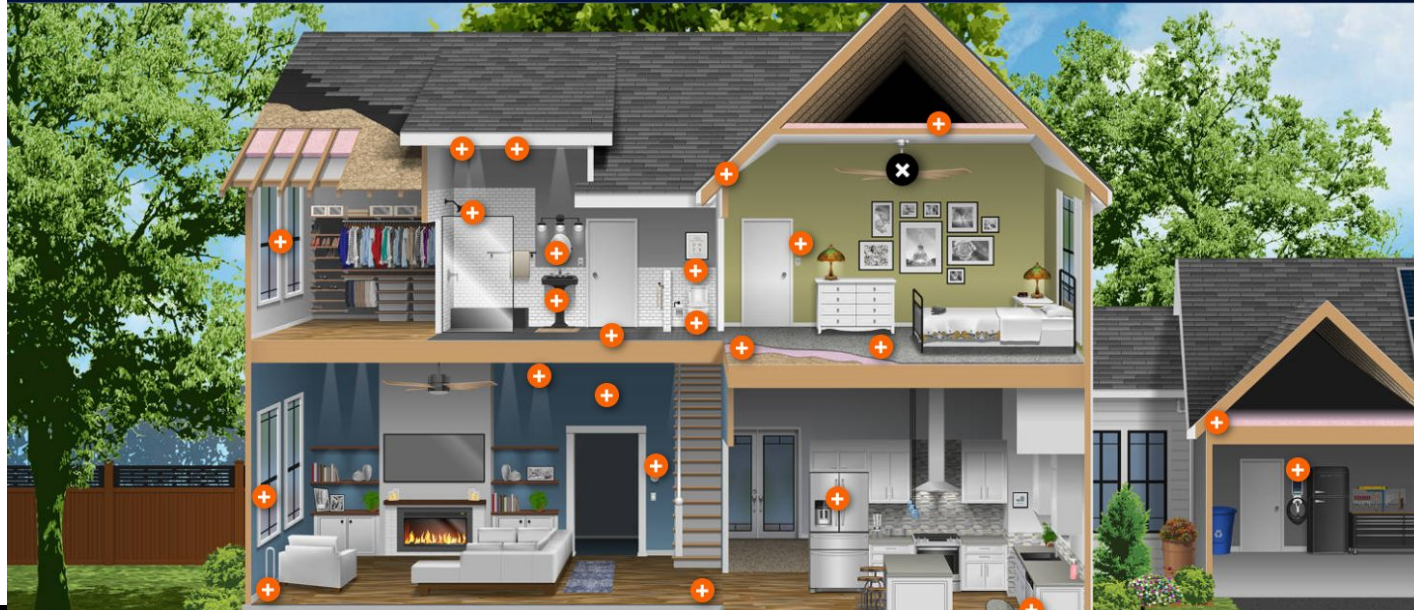
Responsible Chemistry

Sustainable Forestry

Water Use

Inside

Outside





CARBON EMISSIONS

**ENERGY STAR®
Ceiling Fans**

Integrated lights are 60% more efficient than conventional models

Shop Fans

BISM

The GPC worked with BISM to develop a green purchasing guide for BISM's products. Categories include office supplies and janitorial supplies.

Buying Green Products on Maryland's Contract with BISM

Shop Green in Maryland

Blind Industries & Services of Maryland (BISM) offers a variety of environmentally preferred products and is dedicated to developing additional environmentally safe items to achieve a better, GREENER tomorrow.



How can I buy green products from BISM?

Go to www.bism.org/state
or Call our Customer Care Team at 410-737-2600



"Green Certified"

For over a decade, BISM has been working to provide environmentally focused products to Maryland. Every item on this list is Green! Check below for items with Green Seal, EcoLogo & FSC Certifications. And look for our complete Master List at www.bism.org/state



Every Purchase Makes A Difference!

Product	Eco-Labels & Certifications	BISM #
Office Supplies		
Copy Paper, 8.5" x 11"	50% Recycled/50% Post-Consumer	10610-50
5" x 8" Glue Top, Ruled White	50% Recycled/30% Post Consumer	10101-031103
8.5" x 11" Glue Top, Ruled White	50% Recycled/30% Post Consumer	10101-032103
8.5" x 14" Glue Top Paper Pad	50% Recycled/30% Post Consumer	10101-033103
5" x 8" Tape Top, Ruled White	50% Recycled/30% Post Consumer	10102-051103
5" x 8" Tape Top, Ruled Canary	50% Recycled/30% Post Consumer	10102-051113
8.5" x 11.75" Tape Top, Ruled White	50% Recycled/30% Post Consumer	10102-052103
8.5" x 11.75" Tape Top, Ruled Canary	50% Recycled/30% Post Consumer	10102-052113
8.5" x 14" Tape Top, Ruled White	50% Recycled/30% Post Consumer	10102-053103
8.5" x 14" Tape Top, Ruled Canary	50% Recycled/30% Post Consumer	10102-053113

Link to
ecommerce
platform:
<https://bism.org/bism-employ/s/state-products/>

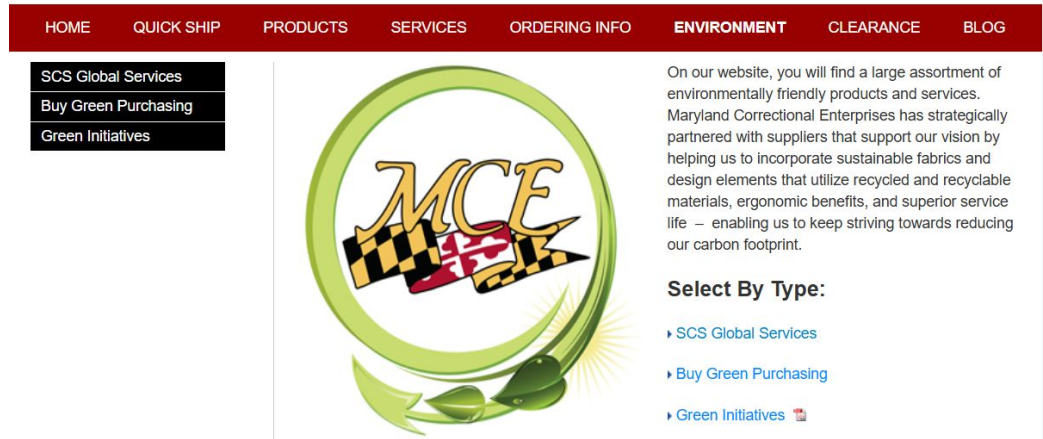
Maryland Correctional Enterprises



MCE has a page dedicated to their green products and initiatives!

Several options for green office furniture available!

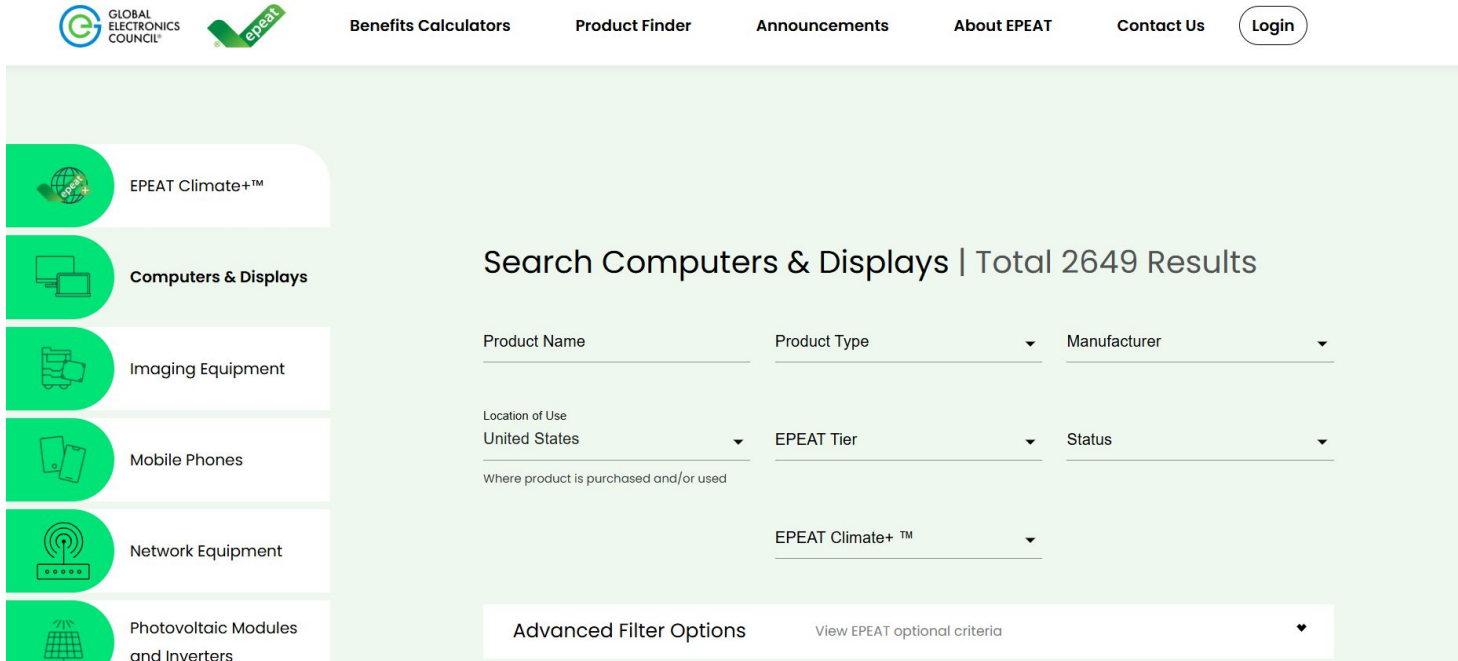
<https://mce.md.gov/Environment>



Check IT Products on EPEAT



<https://www.epeat.net/>



The screenshot shows the EPEAT website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following links: Benefits Calculators, Product Finder, Announcements, About EPEAT, Contact Us, and a Login button. Below the navigation bar, there is a sidebar with a list of product categories, each with an icon and a green checkmark: EPEAT Climate+™, Computers & Displays, Imaging Equipment, Mobile Phones, Network Equipment, and Photovoltaic Modules and Inverters. The main content area displays the search results for 'Computers & Displays', showing a total of 2649 results. The search filters include Product Name, Product Type, Manufacturer, Location of Use (United States), EPEAT Tier, Status, and EPEAT Climate+™. There is also an Advanced Filter Options section at the bottom right.

GLOBAL ELECTRONICS COUNCIL®

Benefits Calculators Product Finder Announcements About EPEAT Contact Us Login

EPEAT Climate+™

Computers & Displays

Imaging Equipment

Mobile Phones

Network Equipment

Photovoltaic Modules and Inverters

Search Computers & Displays | Total 2649 Results

Product Name Product Type Manufacturer

Location of Use United States EPEAT Tier Status

Where product is purchased and/or used

EPEAT Climate+™

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Buy Recycled Guide

The Buy Recycled Guide provides an overview of the Environmentally Preferable Products offered by some of the State vendors such as BISM, MCE, RGH, and Rudolphys!



Buy Recycled Guide

Looking for Recycled Content Products on Maryland's Statewide Contracts?

In 2018 alone, the country produced **292.4 million tons** of waste. But only 32% of that waste was recycled.

By choosing to purchase products with recycled content, we can support recycling markets and show there is a demand for recycled materials.

Use this guide to help you find products with Recycled Content on statewide contracts. Products are listed by vendor and by type; the average Recycled Content of products is included as well. An index of all Recycled Content products can be found at the end of this document.

To view green guides on a vendor's website, sign-up/ sign-in to your account that is affiliated to the State of Maryland. If you are unable to view the green lists on your account, contact DGS.Buygreen@maryland.gov

OFFICE SUPPLIES

BISM

Maryland Preferred Provider; review [BISM's Green Purchasing Guide](#) for more info on how to purchase.

Product Type	Recycled Content
Copy Paper, White	50% Post-Consumer Recycled Content
Paper Pads	30% Post-Consumer recycled content

MCE

Maryland Preferred Provider; review [MCE's Catalog](#) (pg 10 – 21) for more info on how to purchase.

Product Type	Recycled Content
Business Cards	100% Recycled Content

Green Purchasing Reporting

State Agencies are Required to Report

*“On or before **September 1** of each year, each procurement agency shall report to the Department of General Services on the agency’s procurement of environmentally preferable products and services during the preceding fiscal year, including the types and quantities of products and services procured. The report format shall be determined by the Department of General Services.”*

What are we asking for?

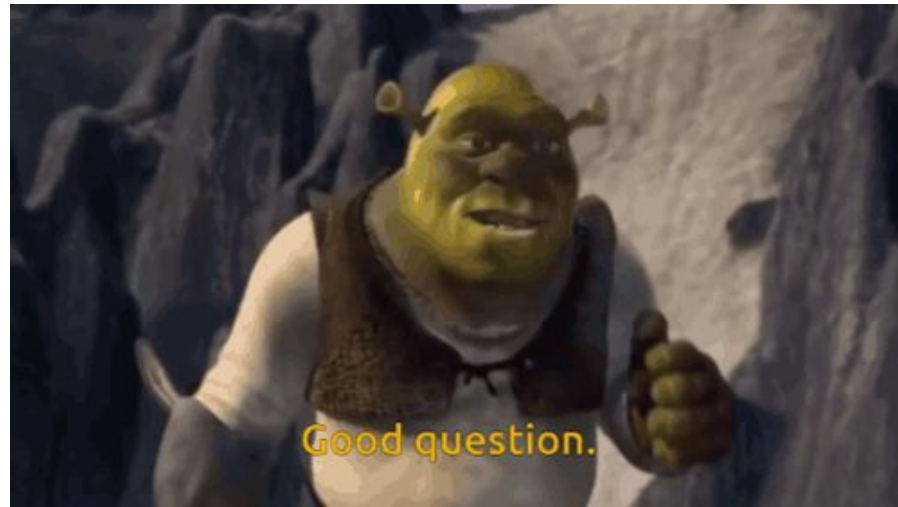
Some categories we're looking to see reporting on include:

1. **Construction & Maintenance products** (HVAC units, Piping, tools, hardware)
2. **Electronic & IT Products, Appliances** (computers, displays, servers, phones, imaging equipment, washers, vending machines, refrigerators, etc.)
3. **Food Service Ware** (disposable or reusable dishware, utensils, paper napkins, etc.)
4. **Janitorial Supplies** (cleaners, disinfectants, cleaning supplies)
5. **Lighting Products** (lightbulbs, lamps, fixtures)
6. **Office Supplies** (copy paper, notebooks, pads, toners & cartridges, pens, etc.)
7. **Paints & Coatings**
8. **Landscaping Supplies** (compost, mulch, fertilizer, pesticides, lawn equipment)

Are P-Card Purchases Included?

Short answer - Yes! The reporting requirements cover ALL purchases.

We understand there is currently no way to run a report for green products, so the GPC has a p-card reporting document that agencies may use to help users track p-card purchases.



Who Sends Data to Us?

1. The following SW vendors

Acme	Eldsi	RGH Enterprises
AJs	Fastenal	Rudolphs
ATS	FPC Holdings/Brady Plus	Sharp
BISM	Grainger	Toshiba
Canon	Graybar	Xerox
Cartridge Plus	MCE	
Daly	Ricoh	

2. State Agencies (procurements outside of SW contracts)

The GPC requests data from 20 different vendors and 80 agencies. Some vendor reports exceed over 50,000 line items!

- Invoice Date
- Vendor
- State Agency
- Product Category
- Manufacturer
- Product Number
- Product Description
- Material Type
- Product Weight
- Environmental Certifications
- Post Consumer Recycled Content
- Total Recycled Content

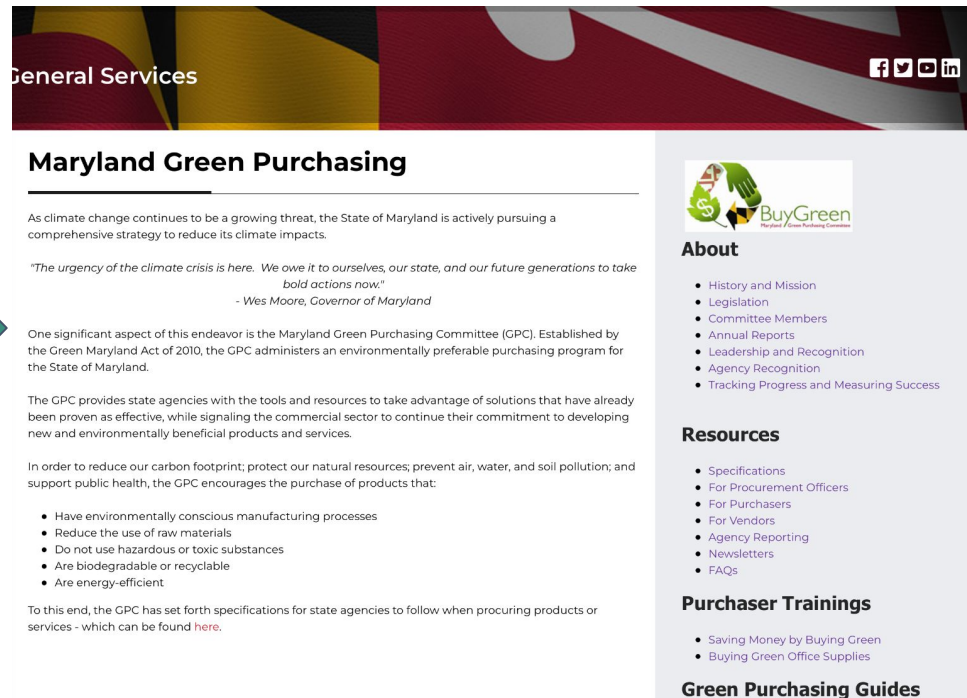
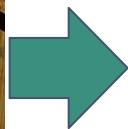
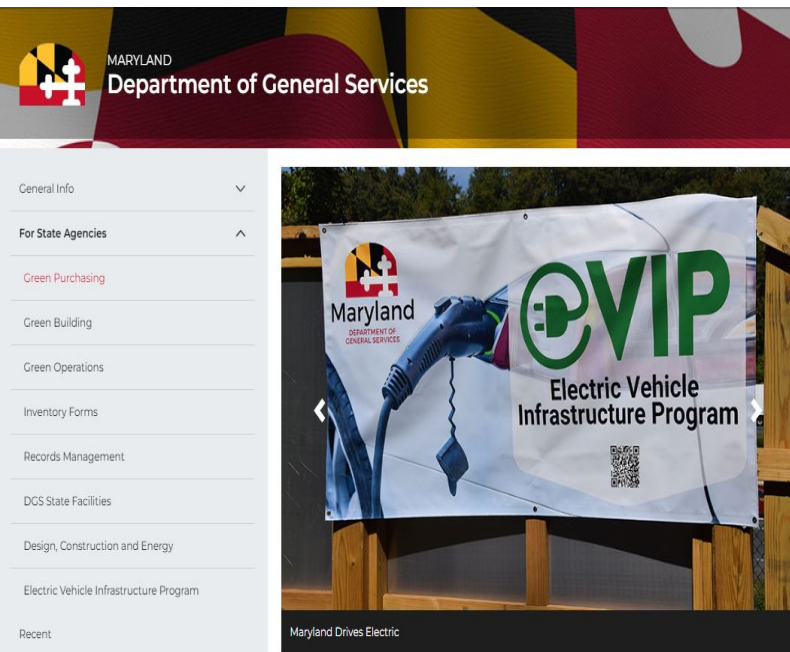
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P-Card Tracking

Purchase DATE*	VENDOR*	Product DESCRIPTION*	Link to Product	Are there Environmental Attributes *	Enviromental Certifications (Ecolabels)	Link to Documentation	Total Recycled Content (%)	Purchase Price (\$)*
<i>The date the purchase was made.</i>	<i>The company providing the product/service</i>	<i>The name of the product (Ex. DELL 27 4K Monitor)</i>	<i>If available, please provide a link to the product purchased</i>	<i>Does the product contain attributes that provide sustainable benefits throughout the product lifecycle? (Ex. Recycled content, eco-labels, High yield/remanufactured toner cartridges)</i>	<i>Third - party certifications that verify the environmental attributes of the product/service</i>	<i>References to the certifier's registry, the company's product catalog, or other forms of verified documentation</i>	<i>Pre-consumer recycled content + post- consumer recycled content</i>	<i>The price paid for the product</i>

Green Purchasing Tools and Resources

GPC Website



Where Do I Find GPC Specifications?

Maryland Green Purchasing

Specifications

The Green Purchasing Committee created specifications for state agencies to follow when procuring goods and services to encourage environmentally and socially beneficial purchasing practices. The specifications also include contract language that can be inserted into a contract to simplify procurement.

Specifications can be found at the top of each product category page.

Click here for a complete Index of [ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE SPECIFICATIONS](#).

Environmentally Preferable Requirements and Recommendations - General -

No specification that meets your needs? This "general specification" includes language that can be inserted in any solicitation.

For product and service categories that do not have an associated environmentally preferable specification, this document provides insertable language for:

- Product Material Requirements
- Energy Efficiency and Energy-Using Product Requirements
- Recycled-Content Requirements and Recommendations
- Packaging Requirements and Recommendations
- Shipping and Transport Requirements and Recommendations
- Reporting Requirements and Other Purchasing Requirements

Building Systems and Related Equipment

- HVAC Systems
- Plumbing and Other Water Using Fixtures

Electric Vehicles and Related Equipment

- Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment



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Building Systems and Related Equipment

[Click here for HVAC Systems Specification](#)
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Energy Efficiency in Building Systems

The buildings sector remains one of the largest greenhouse gas emitters. In the U.S., residential and commercial buildings represented 39% of total U.S. energy consumption and accounted for 35% of all U.S. energy-related emissions in 2019 (EIA). However, the high energy consumption of buildings also makes this sector an ideal candidate for energy efficiency technologies.

From HVAC to plumbing, energy efficient systems are not only environmentally preferable, they are also cost-effective. Reduced energy consumption translates directly into a lower electricity bill, and utility-based rebate programs for energy efficiency contribute to additional cost savings.

Examples of local rebate programs include:

- Baltimore Gas & Electric
- PEPCO
- Delmarva
- Potomac Edison

Refrigerants and HVAC Systems

While energy efficiency makes up half of any conversation regarding HVAC and the environment, the other half lies with the use of climate-friendly refrigerants. Refrigerants are a chemical substance or mixture that is used to absorb heat (therefore enabling cooling) and is often used in air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, and heat pumps.

The path to a climate-friendly refrigerant hasn't been easy. Chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) refrigerants were used until they were banned under the Montreal Protocol for being an ozone-depleting substance. CFC refrigerants were then replaced with Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) refrigerants which have high global warming potentials (GWP), often thousands of times more than carbon dioxide (CO₂). As a result, HFC refrigerants have a disproportionately large and adverse impact on global warming. In light of the environmental issues associated with HFCs, numerous states, including Maryland, have passed legislation banning HFC refrigerants - an important step in the ongoing fight against climate change.

For more information on HFC refrigerants and their alternatives, please review the Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council's *Procurement Recommendations for Climate-Friendly Refrigerants*, developed in collaboration with the Maryland Department of General Services.

Water Conservation and Plumbing Systems

In addition to being energy intensive, plumbing systems are also inherently water intensive. Though seemingly ubiquitous, water (and especially accessible, fresh water) is a finite resource. While the water cycle ensures a constant water supply, it does not ensure a return to the same location or even in the same quality or quantity. Moreover, with demand for water increasing from population growth and increased risk of droughts from climate change, water conservation is critical. For this reason, Maryland prioritizes water efficiency in water-using products.

Maryland Green Purchasing

Legislation, Statutes and Regulations Associated with Green Purchasing

Maryland has enacted several laws and regulations related to environmentally preferable purchasing. The following statutes and regulations guide the State's green purchasing practices.

Bill No.	Year	Affected Statutes	Bill Name
SB 103	2007	Environment Article □2-1101; □2-1106 Transportation Article 13-110 , 13-406 , 23-202, 23-206.4	Maryland Clean Cars Act of 2007 Chapter 111 (2007 Senate Bill 103)
SB 693	2010	Environment Article □9-1722 State Finance and Procurement Article □14-402, □14-405, □14-409, □14-410	Green Maryland Act of 2010 Chapter 593 (2010 Senate Bill 693)
HB 448	2012	State Finance and Procurement Article □14-413, □14-414	Procurement - Preferences - Purchasing and Recycling Electronic Products Chapter 372 (2012



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What Laws, Statutes, and Regulations Apply to Green Purchasing?

Get Involved!

Attend GPC Meetings

Participate in working meetings and sourcing teams.

Help with spec development.

- See a product category with “green” potential? Let us know!



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CATEGORY VIEW **JUNE 11, 2021 - SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

Start Date and Time	Event Details	Location
Sunday, July 04, 2021	Independence Day	
Monday, September 06, 2021	Labor Day	
General Services - Green Purchasing Committee		
Start Date and Time	Event Details	Location
Thursday, August 12, 2021	Maryland Green Purchasing Committee Quarterly Meeting	Quarterly Meeting of the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

From: 6/11/2021 To: 9/8/2021

Category(s):

Your Work Matters!

Annual Spend by State of Maryland:
\$7 billion+ in Goods and Services

By choosing the **greener product or service**, the State can cut down its environmental footprint, while also supporting public health and paving way for the green economy.

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