

Sustainable Purchasing Policies



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Goal

Reduce the environmental impact of materials and services procured by the Garden



Help define sustainability criteria for all areas of purchasing



FIRST QUESTION

Is the purchase necessary?

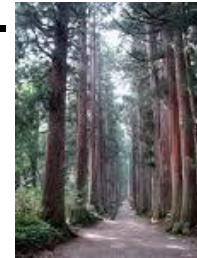
Is there another way to
achieve the service or outcome?



FACTORS

Selecting goods and services that have a lesser or reduced impact on human health and the environment when compared with competing, conventional goods or services that serve the same purpose.

- Raw materials



- Production and Manufacturing



- Packaging



- Distribution





FACTORS

- Operation and Maintenance
- Energy Efficiency
- Product Performance
- Durability and Disposal
- Health & Safety
- Cost
- Needs of the Purchaser



DANGER
Toxic
hazard





Scope

- **Ongoing consumables**
Office and Lunch Room Supplies,
Cleaning & Restroom Supplies
- **Durable goods**
Equipment
Furniture
- **Lamps and Bulbs**
- **Facility Alterations and Additions**
Building materials
- **Food and Beverages**
Catered events



Office Supplies



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- **Wide range of products from a wide range of places**
- **RFP – Single Source Provider**
- **Engaged key players**
- **Implemented a collaborative partnership with our vendor**



Information Technology



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- Purchases were being made by different departments based on funds available
- IT is responsible for maintaining all equipment
- Policy states a requirement for computers to be Energy Star compliant
- IT manages all computer purchasing





Facility Alterations, Lamps, Food..

Facility Alterations

- 50% of the Facility Alterations will meet one or more of the criteria.

Lamps

- 90% of lamp purchases by number of lamps will meet the sustainability criteria.

Food and Beverages

- Sassafra Cafe will maintain Green Dining Alliance criteria



Questions?



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Sustainable Marketplace: Greener Products and Services

www.Epa.gov/epp/index.htm

