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What You Must Buy Green

A Better Way to Buy: Choosing “Green” Products in State Contracts

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DAS Procurement - Environmentally Preferred Purchasing

Welcome to Connecticut’s Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Program home page.

This page provides access to state contracts that feature environmentally preferable products and services. The site also includes a list of state statutes and policies that support and guide environmentally preferable purchasing efforts in Connecticut. The general information section provides background information, including a description of the EPP Program and an explanation of state contracts.

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What are Environmentally Preferable Products?

Environmentally Preferable Products are products or services that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose. Such products or services may include, but are not limited to, those which contain recycled content, minimize waste, conserve energy or water, and reduce the amount of toxins disposed of or consumed.

General Information

Why Use EPP Products and Services?

EPP On-Demand Training Video

Statutes and Policies

These CT Statutes promote Environmentally Preferable Purchasing in Connecticut State Agencies.

Other important information:

- Green Cleaning Products Policy
- Bottled Water Policy
- Connecticut EnergyStar Requirement
- DEP Recycling Unit
- CT Climate Change
From this presentation you will learn:

• What’s required by state statute?
  – Recycled Paper
  – Energy Star Appliances and Lighting
  – Energy Efficient Cars and Light Trucks
  – Green Cleaners
  – Bulk Drinking Water Purchases (ban on single-use)

Statutes & Policies (DAS Website link)
Paper Purchasing Standard

• Mandated that all copy paper for state agencies must contain at least 30% post-consumer recycled content per federal recycled-content guidelines.

• Applies to state lottery tickets and tax return forms.
30% Recycled Content Paper

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Equipment & Appliances

• Equipment purchases must meet ENERGY STAR or other federal or state energy conservation standards

• Lighting standard requires replacing light bulbs with LED or next highest energy efficient rated CFL lighting
Buy Energy STAR equipment

• Copiers, printers, fax machines, refrigerators, microwaves & EPEAT rated computers
Cars and Light Duty Trucks

- State fleet average fuel efficiency rating - 40 mpg, and
- “obtain the best achievable mileage per pound of CO2 emissions in its class.”
- By January 2012, 100% of the fleet must be comprised of alternative-fuel, hybrid and plug-in electric vehicles, unless an exception is approved.


EV Cars and Trucks

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Green Cleaning Law for state owned buildings.

– Program approved by DAS, which currently includes Green Seal and EcoLogo.

– Excludes disinfectants and cleaning products for which there are no “green” certifications.
Cleaning Products

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Schools & State Agencies Use Green Cleaning Products

Third Party Certification Required:

- GreenSeal & Ecologo certified products
Disposable & Single Use Products

• DAS to develop and implement a plan to eliminate disposable and single-use products.
  – Bottled water banned (single use)
DAS “shall not procure any product for state use if the original manufacturer of the product prohibits the remanufacture or recycling of such product…” with an exception for products that have contracted take-back arrangements.
• CT contract for food distribution to public schools requires contractor to demonstrate that they have tried to access CT grown products and enhance purchases from CT farmers
Buy Locally Grown Food
Buy Recycled Content, Less Toxic
How Do you Find Green Goods?

- How I’ve Gotten my Bureau to Buy Green – Pauline.Blackstock@ct.gov, DEEP

- Take a Quick Trip Through the DAS EPP Webpage – Raul.Granillo@ct.gov, DEEP