



MPP PURCHASING POLICY

Supplier Sustainability Policy

Policy Statement:

This policy sets forth MPP's strong preference for purchasing sustainable products and to clarify our expectations of suppliers with respect to environmental responsibility.

Purpose:

To set a standard for purchasing sustainable products and environmental commitment for MPP Purchasing and our Suppliers.

Policy:

- MPP employees and MPP suppliers shall procure products and services in a manner that integrates environmental stewardship and fiscal responsibility.

Objectives:

MPP's sustainable purchasing objectives will include consideration to:

- Conserve natural resources
- Reduce the use of water and energy
- Minimize environmental impacts such as pollution and use of water and energy
- Eliminate or reduce toxics that create hazards to our workers
- Support strong recycling efforts and utilize products where a high likelihood of recycling exists (e.g. steel and paper products)
- Reduce materials that are placed in landfills
- Minimize transportation by buying locally when possible.
- Reduce packaging, especially non-recyclable and non-biodegradable.
- MPP buyers and Suppliers are expected to consider short-term and long-term cost in comparing product alternatives. This includes evaluation of total cost expected during the time a product is owned, cost of operation, disposal cost and environmental impact.

Defining Sustainable Products:

When determining whether a product is sustainable, the following standards should be considered:

- Biobased
- Biodegradable
- Carcinogen-free
- Chlorofluorocarbon (CFC)-free
- Heavy material free (i.e. no lead, mercury, cadmium)
- Low volatile organic compound (VOC) content
- Made from renewable materials
- Compostable
- Low toxicity
- Recycled content
- Rechargeable (batteries and other items)
- Reusable or refurbished



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- Reduced packaging
- Reduced greenhouse gas emission
- Energy, resource and water efficient

Health and safety of workers is of the utmost importance and takes precedence over all stated requirements.

This policy does not require MPP buyers or our suppliers to procure products or services that do not perform adequately for their intended use or procure products or services that are not available at a reasonable price or timeframe. Rather, the policy is to encourage buyers to evaluate the total cost of use to our supply chain and the community.

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