

### **ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING**

The Monrovia Unified School District encourages the use of environmentally preferable products and services. By including environmental considerations in purchasing decisions, the district can reduce its environmental footprint and promote practices that improve human health, conserve natural resources, and reward environmentally conscious manufacturers.

The Purchasing Department is encouraged to actively seek out environmentally preferable products and services for use in day-to-day operations when quality, performance, price, and functionality are comparable to their non-environmentally preferable counterparts.

Environmentally preferable purchasing and practices shall include:

1. Purchase products that include recycled content, are durable and long-lasting, conserve energy and water, use agricultural fibers and residues, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, use unbleached or chlorine-free manufacturing processes, and use wood from sustainable harvested forests.
2. Seek fiscal responsibility by balancing price, performance, and environmental considerations. For example, consider purchasing recycled-content paper products instead of non-recycled products whenever recycled-content products are available within a 5% cost differential. The cost differential of other product categories will vary.
3. Institute practices that reduce waste by increasing product efficiency and effectiveness. Seek out vendors that offer to take back or recycle products at the end of their useful life.
4. Purchase products that minimize environmental impacts, toxics, pollution, and hazards to workers and the community.
5. Encourage outside contractors and consultants to use environmentally preferable products, whenever practical, in performance of their services.
6. Encourage suppliers, both private and public, to make recyclable products and unbleached paper products available for purchase.

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