



Buena Vista Township Green Purchasing Policy

Buena Vista Township passed 90-2019 in support of purchasing products and services that promote and sustain a healthy town for its residents; and that minimize environmental and health impacts, toxics, pollution and hazards to worker and community safety and the larger global community.

To accomplish and improve upon performance in these areas, we have set the following goals:

- ❖ To purchase products that includes recycling content in order to support strong recycling markets.
- ❖ To institute practices that reduce waste and use products that are durable and long lasting that will reduce the quantity of material that are landfilled.
- ❖ To purchase products that institute practices that conserve energy and water, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, use unbleached or chlorine-free manufacturing processes.
- ❖ Purchase products that are free of mercury and lead to protect human health and the environment.
- ❖ To create a model for purchasing environmentally preferable products and services; therefore encouraging other buyers and consumers in our community to adopt similar goals.
- ❖ To purchase paper with a minimum of 30% post-consumer content; including copy paper, letterhead, envelopes and paper for public outreach publications.
- ❖ To reuse materials as appropriate, including waste oil to heating oil, road aggregate and mulch.
- ❖ To purchase plants for municipal properties that are native to our area and somewhat drought-resistant.

Department heads that are responsible to purchase materials or services should be specifically those that have the least impact on the Township's Carbon Footprint.

The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to review specifications and make recommendations to further maintain our environmental commitment.