

EPA Recommended Specifications, Standards and Ecolabels

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Cafeteria

Product/ Service	Specifications/ Standards/ Ecolabels To Use in Federal Procurement to Meet Federal Environmentally Sustainable Purchasing Requirements		
	Applicable Statutory Requirements	Applicable EPA EcoLabels	Other EPA Recommended Specifications, Standards and Ecolabels
Take-Out Service: Containers, Cutlery, Dishware	• BioPreferred	none applicable	• Biodegradable Products Institute certified compostable provided composting available ¹

Construction

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Adhesives	• BioPreferred	• SNAP	Purchases meet one or more of the following: • South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 1168 Adhesive and Sealant Applications ¹ • UL 2762 Sustainability Standard for Adhesives ¹ • UL 2818 GREENGUARD Certification Program For Chemical Emissions For Building Materials, Finishes And Furnishings ¹
Carpet*	• BioPreferred • Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines For Recycled Content Products (Polyester Carpet)	none applicable	• NSF 140 Sustainability Assessment for Carpet ²
Ceiling Tiles-Acoustical	• BioPreferred	non-applicable	• California Section 01350 standard for low-VOC materials ²

	Fiberboard, Gypsum Panels, Wallboard	•BioPreferred (composite panels) •Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines for Recycled Content Products	none applicable	•UL 2818 GREENGUARD Certification Program For Chemical Emissions For Building Materials, Finishes And Furnishings²
	Flooring*	•BioPreferred (non-carpet floor coverings) •Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines for Recycled Content Products	none applicable	Purchases meet one or more of the following: •UL 2818 GREENGUARD Certification Program For Chemical Emissions For Building Materials, Finishes And Furnishings¹ •NSF 332 International Sustainability Assessment for Resilient Floor Coverings¹ • FloorScore¹
	Insulation	•BioPreferred •Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines for Recycled Content Products	none applicable	•UL 2818 GREENGUARD Certification Program For Chemical Emissions For Building Materials, Finishes And Furnishings¹
	Interior Latex Paint*	•BioPreferred •Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines for Recycled Content Products	none applicable	•South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 1113 standard²
	Lumber/ Wood**	none applicable	none applicable	• Forest Stewardship Council Certified¹

Custodial

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Cleaners: Carpet, Glass, Multipurpose	•BioPreferred	•Safer Choice	Purchasers meet one or more of the following: • Green Seal GS-37 Standard for Cleaning Products for Industrial and Institutional Use² • UL 2759 Standard for Hard Surface Cleaners²	

	Floor Care	• BioPreferred	• Safer Choice	Purchasers meet one or more of the following: • Green Seal GS-40 Standard for Floor-Care Products for Industrial and Institutional Use¹ • UL 2777 Standard for Sustainability for Hard Floor Care
	Hand Soap	• BioPreferred	• Safer Choice	Purchasers meet one or more of the following: • Green Seal GS-41 Standard for Hand Cleaners for Industrial and Institutional Use² • UL 2784 Standard for Hand Cleaners²
	Toilet Tissue	• Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines for Recycled Content Products	none applicable	• Green Seal GS-01 Standard for Sanitary Paper Products²
	Towels- Paper	• Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines for Recycled Content Products	none applicable	• Green Seal GS-01 Standard for Sanitary Paper Products²
	Wastebasket Liners (24" x 33" or smaller)	• BioPreferred • Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines for Recycled Content Products	none applicable	Purchasers meet one or more of the following: • $\geq 20\%$ post-consumer recycled content ² • UL 126 Standard for Sustainability for Plastic Film Products²

Electronics

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Computer Desktops, Notebooks (including two in one notebooks), Displays, Integrated Desktop Computers, Workstation Desktops, Thin Clients, and Slates/Tablets	• ENERGY STAR • FEMP	none applicable	• EPEAT Registered (highest rating available)¹
Imaging equipment: (Printers, Copiers, Multi-Function Devices, Scanners, Fax Machines, Digital Duplicators, Mailing Machines)	• ENERGY STAR	none applicable	• EPEAT Registered (highest rating available)¹

Televisions	• ENERGY STAR	none applicable	• EPEAT Registered (highest rating available) ¹
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Grounds/ Landscaping

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De-Icer	• BioPreferred	• Safer Choice	• Pacific Northwest Snowfighters Qualified Products ¹

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Copy Paper	• Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines for Recycled Content Products	none applicable	Purchasers meet one ore more of the following: • UL 2771 Standard for Sustainable Paper Products • Green Seal GS-07 Standard for Printing and Writing Paper)
Furniture*	• Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines for Recycled Content Products	none applicable	Purchasers meet one ore more of the following: • Business and Institutional Manufacturers Association (BIFMA) Level ¹ • UL 2818 GREENGUARD Certification Program For Chemical Emissions For Building Materials, Finishes And Furnishings ¹
Toner Cartridges	• Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines for Recycled Content Products	none applicable	Purchasers meet one ore more of the following: • STMC – Manufacturer meets Standardized Test Methods of the International Imaging Technology Council ¹ • UL 2785 Standard for Sustainability for Printing Cartridges ¹

Operations/ Fleet/ Shipping/ Shop

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	Parts Wash Solution for Machine Shop Operations	• BioPreferred	• Safer Choice	• UL 2792 Standard for Sustainability for Cleaning and Degreasing Compounds: Biologically-based ¹

* For this product category, EPA is piloting an assessment approach for standards and ecolabels using its Draft Guidelines. Once the pilot has concluded, EPA plans to update the interim recommendations for this product category accordingly.

** EPA is exploring whether updates to the interim recommendations for the Lumber/Wood purchasing category may be appropriate.

¹ From DOE's Office of Sustainability Support. For further information on this voluntary program, see:

[DOE's full Priority Products List](#)

[DOE's background and evaluation process document.](#)

² From GSA's Public Buildings Service. For further information, see: and

[GSA's Key Sustainable Products](#)

[GSA's background and evaluation process document.](#)