

Eco-Labels	
	<b>Biodegradable Products Institute</b> is an organization that certifies that so-called “biodegradable” plastic products will safely break down in a typical commercial composting facility. <a href="http://www.bpiworld.org">www.bpiworld.org</a>
	<b>Chlorine-free Products Association</b> is a nonprofit organization that certifies chlorine-free products such as copy paper, envelopes and tissue products. CFPA is the only non-profit association that has created a sustainability index for product certification through independent third party auditing. <a href="http://www.chlorinefreeproducts.org">www.chlorinefreeproducts.org</a>
	<b>EcoLogo</b> is Canada’s environmental product certification program. It has issued standards for over 300 product categories (such as flooring, paint, electricity, cleaners, office equipment, and paper products), many of which are sold in California. <a href="http://www.ecologo.org/en/">www.ecologo.org/en/</a>
	<b>Electronic Products Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT)</b> is an independent program that certifies “green” electronic equipment such as computers, monitors and laptops. <a href="http://www.epeat.net">www.epeat.net</a>
	<b>E-Stewards</b> is a program that certifies that recyclers of electronic equipment adhere to the highest standard of environmental responsibility and worker protection. A copy of the e-Stewards Standard for Responsible Recycling and Reuse of Electronic Equipment® can be found at <a href="http://e-stewards.org/certificationoverview/">http://e-stewards.org/certificationoverview/</a>
	<b>Forest Stewardship Council</b> certifies lumber and other building products made with sustainably harvested wood or that reduce wood consumption. <a href="http://www.fscus.org">www.fscus.org</a>
	<b>Green-e</b> is a labeling program established by the nonprofit organization, Center for Resource Solutions, which verifies electricity that has been generated using renewable sources such as solar and wind energy. <a href="http://www.green-e.org">www.green-e.org</a>
	<b>Greenguard</b> is a nonprofit organization that certifies products that impact indoor air quality. Find products (such as flooring, paints, furniture, and cleaning products) with low VOCs and other emissions. Some are certified for use near children. <a href="http://www.greenguard.org">www.greenguard.org</a>
	<b>Green Seal</b> is a nonprofit organization that set standards for products (such as janitorial cleaners, floor strippers, and paints) and certifies products that meet those standards. <a href="http://www.greenseal.org">www.greenseal.org</a>
	<b>Scientific Certification Systems</b> verifies green claims such as “biodegradable” or “contains recycled content”. SCS also oversees compliance with the California Gold Sustainable Carpet Standard and other environmental certifications <a href="http://www.scs-certified.com">www.scs-certified.com</a>
	<b>TransFair</b> maintains a Fair Trade label issued to companies that import products such as coffee, tea, chocolate and rice that have been manufactured and sold under fair and safe working conditions. For a list of certified products. <a href="http://www.transfairusa.org">www.transfairusa.org</a>
	<b>US Department of Agriculture</b> allows use of its organic label for products meeting federal standards that address pesticide and fertilizer use and other approved methods used to grow, harvest and process food and other agricultural products. <a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/">www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/</a>

### Executive Order #515 Establishing an Environmental Purchasing Policy

This new directive requires all Commonwealth Executive Departments to reduce their impact on the environment and enhance public health by procuring environmentally preferable products whenever they are readily available, perform to satisfactory standards, and represent best value to the Commonwealth.

Download the Executive Order here: <http://www.mass.gov/Eoeea/docs/eea/lbe/Executive%20Order%20515.pdf>

### Additional Resources

	<p><b>ENERGY STAR</b> is a joint program of the US Department of Energy and US Environmental Protection Agency where you can find certified energy-efficient products (such as light fixtures, CFLs, LEDs, exit signs, appliances and office equipment). <a href="http://www.energystar.gov">www.energystar.gov</a></p>
	<p><b>Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Network (EPPNet)</b> is a free electronic list-serv that links public and private officials charged with purchasing environmentally preferable products and services. It provides subscribers with quick access to EPP policies, specifications, vendors, and pricing and performance information. <a href="http://www.nerc.org/eppnet/index.html">www.nerc.org/eppnet/index.html</a></p>
	<p><b>Massachusetts' Environmentally Preferable Products (EPP) Procurement Program</b> provides information about the benefits of EPPs, statewide EPP contracts, guides, tools, events and more. <a href="http://www.responsiblepurchasing.org/massachusetts">www.responsiblepurchasing.org/massachusetts</a></p>
	<p><b>National Association of State Purchasing Officials (NASPO)</b> has developed a Green Purchasing Resource Guide that provides purchasers with a basic understanding of the concept and benefits of green purchasing, offers recommended steps and proven strategies to enable the implementation of a green purchasing program, and supplies links to other resources. <a href="http://www.naspo.org/content.cfm/id/Green_Guide">www.naspo.org/content.cfm/id/Green_Guide</a></p>
	<p><b>Responsible Purchasing Network (RPN)</b> is a member-based network of procurement stakeholders that maintains an online clearinghouse of information on EPP policies, programs, purchasing guides, reports, upcoming events and other related resources. <a href="http://www.responsiblepurchasing.org">www.responsiblepurchasing.org</a></p>
	<p><b>The Sweatfree Purchasing Consortium</b> is a collaboration of U.S. states, local governments, and other public agencies, working to help each member entity ensure its purchases are manufactured in lawful conditions, to monitor industry compliance, and to do so more effectively and less expensively than any single one could accomplish on its own. <a href="http://buysweatfree.org/">http://buysweatfree.org/</a></p>
	<p><b>US Department of Agriculture's BioPreferred Program</b> is a voluntary initiative that labels products containing biobased (plant-based) material. It offers a catalog of products that contain a minimum amount biobased content. <a href="http://www.biopreferred.gov/aboutus.aspx">www.biopreferred.gov/aboutus.aspx</a></p>
	<p><b>US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA)</b> has developed Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines that recommend minimum recycled-content levels for dozens of products. For more information, <a href="http://www.epa.gov/cpg/products.htm">www.epa.gov/cpg/products.htm</a></p> <p>US EPA has also developed a suite of EPP tools, including a database of bid specifications and policies; lists of products that meet federal EPP standards; and EPP updates, guidance documents, fact sheets, and case studies. <a href="http://www.epa.gov/epp">www.epa.gov/epp</a></p>