

Purchase Efficient & Sustainable Products

Ask for better products that are more renewable, reusable, less hazardous, and use less energy

As a Federal site, we have Federal requirements to purchase environmentally-friendly products, which contain recycled content or biobased materials, contain safer chemicals, use less energy or water, or can be recycled or composted eventually.

What can you do?

- In [eBuy](#), purchase products from the Sustainability Package, found in the bottom right corner of the new eBuy homepage.
- Look for and ask for products that are environmentally friendly and have **eco-labels** (see the table below).
- Learn more:
 - [Fridge Purchasing Guide](#)
 - [Microwave Purchasing Guide](#)
 - OCFO [Sustainable Procurement site](#)
 - [GSA's SFTool](#) is a great resource to learn about sustainable procurement and find specific products.

Product Types	Environmental Trait	Eco-Label
non-paper office products	recycled content	Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines (CPG)
paper products	recycled content, sustainably harvested	Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines (CPG) , Forest Stewardship Council
appliances, equipment	energy efficiency	EPA's Energy Star , FEMP-designated
bathroom fixtures, water-using equipment	water efficiency	EPA's WaterSense , FEMP-designated
cleaning products, industrial products	biobased content	USDA's BioPreferred

cleaning products	low toxicity	EPA's SaferChoice
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Why do we care?

According to the EPA's [Advancing Sustainable Materials Management 2013 Fact Sheet](#), about 42% of the United States' greenhouse gas emissions come from supply chain actions - extracting materials or harvesting food, producing and transporting goods, providing services, and disposing of goods. Watch the [Story of Stuff](#) to learn more about material supply chains.

What's the good news?

Markets are transforming. Manufacturers are looking for opportunities to sell environmentally- friendly products, and they are using eco-labels for guidance and credibility. Eco-labels are 3rd-party certified labels on products that show consumers that a product passes environmental and product performance tests.