Purchasing Policy

Purpose:

Skidmore College believes our procurement decisions should match our institutional values and commitment to sustainability and responsible citizenship. We recognize that every purchase has an environmental and social impact, and we are committed to making procurement decisions that are environmentally and socially responsible and support a thriving local economy. Our commitment extends across product categories, including paper, IT/Electronics, Fleet Vehicles, and Cleaning Products.

"#   **Paper Purchasing**

Office Paper

All office printing paper will meet or exceed 30 percent post-consumer recycled content or will be Forest Stewardship Council MIX certified. Each office is responsible for adhering to this policy, and the College's WB Mason account settings will direct users to products that meet these criteria.

Janitorial Paper Products

All janitorial paper products, including paper towels and bathroom tissue, will be made from 100 percent post-consumer recycled content or will1 Tf [(c) 0.2 (ont) 0.2 (e)onsp/ 50 0 0q

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    "$#   **Cleaning Products**
Skidmore College gives preference to Green Seal or UL ECOLOGO certified cleaning products, providing that these products meet all required performance standards and are economically feasible.

Standards

ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR is a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency program that includes frameworks to certify energy efficient buildings and products, and Portfolio Manager, an online tool to benchmark the energy and water performance of buildings.

EPEAT

EPEAT is a certification for computers and other electronic products. The standard's evaluation criteria include energy efficiency, reduction and elimination of environmentally sensitive materials, materials selection, design for end-of-life, product longevitf0.2 (qui)2 (rt) 02 (, pro 0..)]TJ ET Q q 0.2