

EPP

- ✓ Protects human health
- ✓ Reduces greenhouse gas emissions
- ✓ Reduces toxics in products
- ✓ Preserves our state's natural resources

Check out Ecology's EPP Website:
www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste/epp/html

Learn about local government EPP programs:

King County's Environmental Purchasing Program
www.metrokc.gov/procure/green

City of Seattle
Sustainable Purchasing Program:
<http://www.cityofseattle.net/environment/purchasing.htm>

The Department of Ecology has resources to help your organization shift to more environmentally preferable purchasing practices.

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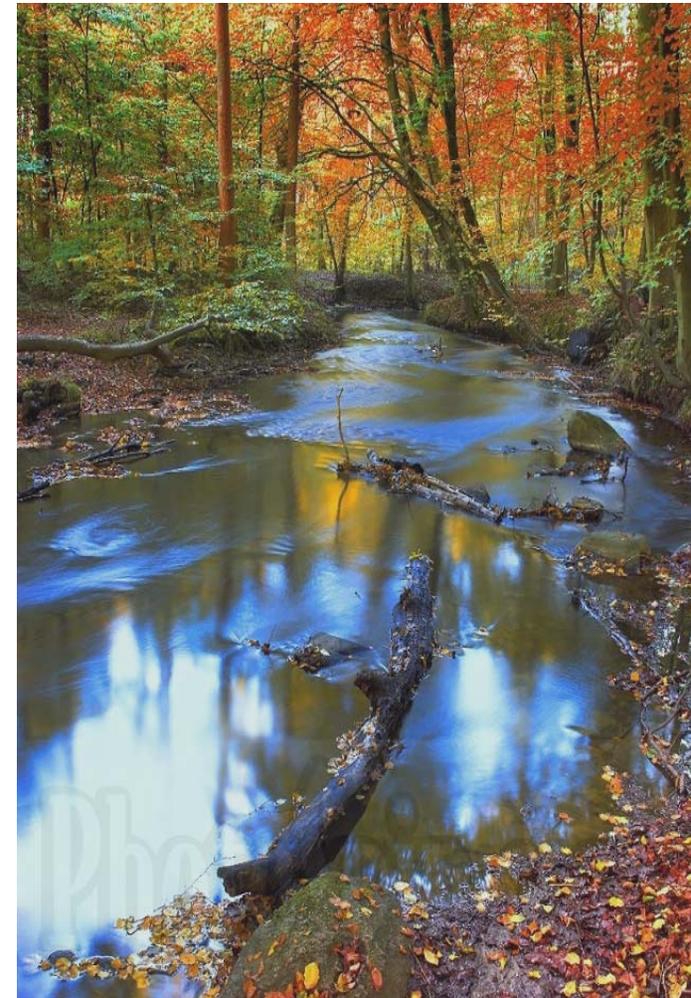
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If you need this information in an alternate format, please call the Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program at 360-407-6700. Persons with hearing loss can call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability can call 877-833-6341.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing



Reduce Toxins and Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Shift your purchasing to products that improve:

- ✓ Air Quality
- ✓ Climate Change
- ✓ Energy Efficiency
- ✓ Packaging Longevity
- ✓ Product Longevity
- ✓ Product Miles
- ✓ Product Take-Back
- ✓ Recyclability
- ✓ Recycled Content
- ✓ Renewable Resources
- ✓ Sustainable Labor Practices
- ✓ Toxic Chemical Reduction
- ✓ Water Efficiency

Go to:

www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste/epp/html
for guidance on specific products and certifications

Buy Responsibly

Washington State agencies and school districts spend over \$4 billion a year on goods and services. Let's use this purchasing power to create the community we want.

The Department of Ecology can help you use this purchasing power responsibly – for the environment and your agency's budget.



Example:

King County purchased \$41 million worth of EPP products in 2007, saving \$875,000 over conventional products.

Example:

Efficient certified low mercury compact fluorescent lights use 60-75% less energy than standard bulbs and last about ten times longer.

Meet Objectives

State agencies must establish EPP objectives under Executive Orders 02-03 and 05-01. General Administration (GA) offers many contracts with EPP products, including:

- ✓ Independently certified reduced toxic floor cleaners
- ✓ Hybrid/electric vehicles
- ✓ 100% recycled latex paint
- ✓ 100% post-consumer recycled content copy paper
- ✓ Low mercury energy-saving lighting
- ✓ FSC certified wood products
- ✓ EPEAT Gold certified electronics
- ✓ CA Gold certified carpet
- ✓ Remanufactured toner cartridges
- ✓ Steel wheel weights

These contracts are available to state agencies, local governments, school districts, and higher education.