



City of La Crescent Environmental Preferable Purchasing Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to encourage and increase purchasing that reflects the City's commitment to sustainability. This Policy is adopted in order to promote:

- Conserving natural resources
- Minimizing environmental impacts, such as pollution
- Supporting strong recycling markets
- Increasing the use and availability of environmentally preferable products that protect the environment
- Creating a model for successfully purchasing environmentally preferable products that encourages other purchasers in our community to adopt similar goals

Policy

The following guidelines are to be followed by the City of La Crescent:

1. Recycled Paper Products and Recycled-Content Products

The City of La Crescent will endeavor to purchase paper products containing the highest post-consumer content practicable, but no less than 30% recycled-content for copy paper (which is the minimum recycled content standard established by the EPA Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines: www.epa.gov). Whenever possible and economically feasible, the city will purchase other products made with recycled material.

2. Waste Minimization

The City will buy in bulk whenever practicable to reduce packaging.

3. Energy Saving Products

LED and Dark Sky lighting will be installed with new City projects or will replace less energy efficient lights when financially feasible.

Procedure

Where cost differences are negligible the City will always choose to purchase:

1. Energy Star rated office supplies
2. 30% Post-Consumer recycled printing paper and other recycled paper products.

Responsibility

All City departments are responsible for implementation of this policy and to ensure their respective employees are fully aware and supportive of the City's policy to purchase environmentally preferable goods and services.