



## **GREEN PROCUREMENT:**

The Purchasing Department supports Environmentally Preferred Purchasing (EPP) practices and encourages the purchase of products and services that effectively minimize negative environmental impacts through their material composition, manufacturing, transport, packaging, energy, consumption, maintenance, and recycling or disposal. The University of Utah is committed to sustainable behavior including purchasing practices. In our efforts to request and purchase the most energy efficient and least waste-producing products that meet our needs, we rely on the expertise of our [Office of Sustainability](#).

**Get started buying “GREEN” today.** Ask yourself the following questions about your purchase.

- Is the product energy efficient in production and use?
- Does the product have a high recycled/post consumer content?
- Is the product reusable?
- Does the product have less, recyclable, or biodegradable packaging?
- Will the product last (is it durable)?
- Was the product produced locally or regionally?
- Overall, is the product the least environmentally damaging throughout its lifetime (i.e. manufacturing, use, and disposal)?
- Is the product non-toxic or minimally toxic, (preferably biodegradable)?
- Can the product be recycled and, if not recyclable, may it be disposed of safely?
- Is the product made from raw materials obtained in an environmentally sound sustainable manner?
- Overall, is the product the least environmentally damaging throughout its lifetime (i.e. manufacturing, use, and disposal)?

**Buying “GREEN” helps to:**

- Improve safety and health of our students, staff, faculty, and the public.
- Conserve natural resources and energy.
- Stimulate new markets for recycled materials and create jobs.
- Improve awareness of environmental stewardship.
- Comply with environmental laws and regulations.