

City of Falcon Heights Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy

The goal of this policy is to encourage and increase purchasing that reflects the city's commitment to sustainability. Benefits of the policy include:

- Conserving natural resources
- Minimizing environmental impacts such as pollution and use of water and energy
- Identifying environmentally preferable products and distribution systems
- Setting an example for residents and businesses in the City of Falcon Heights

The following policies are to be followed by the City of Falcon Heights:

Recycled Paper Products

- 1) Printing paper, office paper, and paper products will contain the highest postconsumer content practicable, but no less than minimum recycled content standards established by the US EPA Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines.

Energy and Water Savings

- 1) Where applicable, energy-efficient equipment will be purchased with the most up-to-date energy efficient functions.
- 2) All appliances and products purchased by the City and for which the US EPA Energy Star certification is available will meet Energy Star certification. Typically, this would include lighting systems, exhaust fans, water heaters, computers, exit signs, and appliances such as refrigerators, dishwashers, and microwave ovens.
- 3) The city will purchase water-saving products whenever practicable. This includes, but is not limited to, high-performing fixtures like toilets, waterless urinals, low-flow faucets and aerators, and upgraded irrigation systems.

This policy is subject to the requirements and preferences in the Municipal Contracting Law (MN Statutes 471.345) and all other applicable laws and ordinances.



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