

BUY RECYCLED RESOURCES

[The Association of Plastics Recyclers \(APR\)](#)

APR promotes increased plastics recycling and supports recycling market development through increasing supply, enhancing quality, expanding demand, and communicating the value of postconsumer plastics. APR resources include the Recycling Demand Champions program, Design Guide for Recyclability, Postconsumer Resin Certification, model bale specs, and lists of buyers, sellers, services, and [recycled products](#).

[California Buy Recycled](#)

California's Buy Recycled Program assists state and local governments in establishing programs for buying recycled products. The State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign assists procurement and contracting officers with information on complying with the state requirements to buy products from 11 product categories. The program also offers the Recycled Content Product Manufacturers Directory, the RecycleStore (which lists California manufacturers of recycled products from California Market Development Zones), information on green building, and help with environmentally preferable purchasing, including a Buying Green Guide and sample ordinances.

[Conservatree](#)

Conservatree offers information on environmentally friendly papers, including discussions on reducing paper use, post-consumer content, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification for forest friendly products, bleaching, and tree free and chlorine free papers.

[Ecologo Certification Program](#)

Ecologo certifies products and services that have a lower environmental effect while providing quality product performance. They certify products through scientific testing and third-party evaluation. Ecologo certifies products in categories including building and construction, cleaning, high-tech and office products, mineral exploration, paper and plastic, personal care, and renewable energy.

[Environmental Paper Network](#)

The Environmental Paper Network offers information on responsible pulp and paper programs. Resources include information on recycled content, using less paper, sustainable forestry, bleaching, and other topics.

[Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) Comprehensive Procurement Guideline Program](#)

The Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) program encourages agencies to use products containing recovered materials. EPA has designated 61 products in eight categories. The program also includes Recovered Materials Advisory Notices (RMAN), which provide recommendations for recycled-content levels for various products. EPA also offers the CPG Product Supplier Directory and fact sheets on the product categories. While the guidelines' requirements apply to agencies using federal funds, state, local, and private organizations can use the guidelines to set standards to buy recycled products.

[EPA Recycled Content Tool](#)

EPA's Recycled Content (ReCon) tool allows agencies to estimate environmental effects from manufacturing and purchasing materials with different levels of postconsumer recycled content.

[Federal Executive Order 13834](#)

Signed on May 17, 2018, Federal Executive order 13834 directs federal agencies to manage their operations to optimize environmental performance and reduce waste. The executive order requires each agency to prioritize actions that reduce waste, cut costs, enhance the resilience of federal infrastructure and operations, and enable effective accomplishment of its mission. The order outlines goals that agencies must meet when implementing policy.

[Government Recycling Demand Champion Program](#)

The Government Recycling Demand Champion Program, sponsored by the Northeast Recycling Council and the Association of Plastics Recyclers, encourages state, regional and local government agencies, including public and private schools, colleges, and universities, to buy products with postconsumer recycled content plastics. The program includes a list of plastic products that include postconsumer materials, vendors who sell these products, model specifications, as well as other resources to support buy recycled efforts.

[Green Seal](#)

Green Seal has developed 27 environmental leadership standards in more than 500 product categories. Green Seal offers information on their review process and listings of current certified products and services.

[General Services Administration \(GSA\)](#)

GSA offers information to federal buyers on requirements and policies for recycled content products, including the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

[King County, Washington Sustainable Purchasing](#)

King County encourages agencies to buy goods and services with positive economic, social, and environmental effects through its sustainable purchasing program. The county provides information on ecolabels, reports, policies, and other resources. The county's Sustainable Purchasing Guide informs purchasers on products in the categories of construction, electronics, office products, operations and maintenance, and transportation.

[Maryland Green Purchasing](#)

The Maryland Department of General Services (DGS) offers information on Maryland's green purchasing program, including specifications, a best practices manual, and annual reports.

[Massachusetts Operational Services Division](#)

Massachusetts offers a comprehensive listing of environmentally preferable products and services available on the Operational Service Division's statewide contracts.

- [Massachusetts Environmentally Preferable Products List](#)
- [Massachusetts Environmentally Preferable Services List](#)

[National Association of State Purchasing Officials \(NASPO\)](#)

The NASPO Green Purchasing Guide gives buyers that are members an understanding of green purchasing and its benefits, recommended steps to implement a green purchasing program, and other resources.

[Northeast Recycling Council \(NERC\)](#)

NERC has several resources on buying recycled products, including:

- [A Roadmap to Buying Products with Recycled Content](#)
- [Examples of Specifications for Purchasing Products with Post-Consumer Resin](#)

It also offers model specifications for the following products:

- [Model EPP Specs - Office Supplies](#)
- [Model EPP Specs - Paper](#)
- [Model EPP Specs - Toner Cartridges](#)
- [Model Procurement Specification for Plastic Drainage Pipes with PCR Content](#)

[Office of Federal Sustainability](#)

The Office of Federal Sustainability, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) guides agencies on meeting Executive Order 13834 requirements, including purchasing recycled products. CEQ offers guidance on tracking, best practices, and implementation.

[Paper Recycling Coalition](#)

The Paper Recycling Coalition offers information on 100% recycled paperboard and containerboard, including companies that manufacture these products.

[Recycle More Plastic](#)

The Buy Recycled Performance Meter lists recycled plastic products in apparel, accessories, household goods, personal care, home care, and more, including a list of companies that sell these products. The meter provides information on the percentage of postconsumer resin (PCR), the primary type of PCR used, recycled content certification, and whether the product includes multiple materials.

[Recycled Products Cooperative \(RPC\)](#)

The RPC offers recycled paper and office supplies at reduced rates by buying in large volumes. RPC provides information on membership, available products, and how to buy the products.

[Recycling Market Development Platform](#)

The Recycling Market Development Platform connects buyers with tools and resources for making sustainable decisions that stimulate a circular economy for recyclables. The platform includes information on quality feedstock, using recycled content, design for recycling, buying recycled products and recycle right.

[Remanufacturing Industries Council \(RIC\)](#)

The RIC provides information on remanufactured products, including standards and certified companies. Remanufactured products are available for a variety of products, including aircraft components, automotive parts, electrical and electronic equipment, engines and components, medical equipment, office furniture, printing equipment and restaurant and food-service equipment

[Responsible Purchasing Network](#)

The Responsible Purchasing Network provides member buyers with procurement tools and resources designed to save money, conserve resources, reduce waste, and improve efficiency. The Best Practices Guides help member organizations practice green purchasing in multiple product categories.

[SCS Global Services](#)

SCS informs purchasers on companies and organizations that are meeting high environmental standards. SCS offers verification and certification in a variety of environmental categories. The Certified Green Products Guide offers a directory of green products certified by SCS in various categories. The website's Resource Center includes articles, webinars, and videos.

[Steel Recycling Institute](#)

The Institute emphasizes that all steel products are made from recycled steel.

[Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council](#)

The Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council offers various programs, such as the Strategic Program Planning Process, leadership guidance, webinars, and more. The Council's *Guidance for Leadership in Sustainable Purchasing* provides buyers with information on buying products that have a lower effect on the environment.

[Tire Retread and Repair Information Bureau](#)

The Bureau offers information on the environmental and economic benefits of tire retreading. The available resources include a Buyer's Guide, government studies, videos, and Department of Transportation codes.

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