



POLICY C-PT06

Green Purchasing

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and Procedures PT-001-P
Authorization to Purchase Policy PT-002
and Procedures PT-002-P1

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Function: Equipment, Parts and Supplies

LAS Endorsement: _____

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guiding principles and standards with respect to Green Purchasing.

POLICY STATEMENT

Where economically feasible, Parkland County will practice Green Purchasing in an effort to minimize its impact on the environment, and will strive to maintain purchasing practices that support this value.

DEFINITIONS

1. **“Green Products”** are those manufactured with more environmentally-friendly materials or those which are produced with minimal impact to the environment.
2. **“Green Purchasing”** is the practice of procuring goods and services that cause less harm to the environment and to the living beings that depend upon the environment for survival.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all purchases of goods, materials and services on behalf of Parkland County.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Purchasing Services is responsible for the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluating of this policy.

STANDARDS

1. Parkland County will consider a maximum 15% price adjustment for green products and services subject to adequate budget funds.
2. Parkland County shall strive to do business with manufacturers and vendors with strong environmental commitments, and choose products that are less toxic, conserve natural resources, reduce waste, and generally have less environmental impact, than other products.

3. Purchasing Services will provide assistance to staff in sourcing green suppliers/products.
4. Parkland County will strive to purchase materials that are:
 - a. Durable, as opposed to single use or disposable
 - b. Non-toxic or minimally toxic, preferably biodegradable
 - c. Highly energy-efficient
 - d. Recyclable or safely disposable
 - e. Made from raw materials obtained in an environmentally sound, sustainable manner
 - f. Manufactured in an environmentally sound manner
 - g. The cause of minimal or no environmental damage during normal use or maintenance
 - h. Shipped with minimal packaging (consistent with care of the product), preferably made of recycled and/or recyclable materials.