

Policy 3511: Energy And Water Management

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Environmentally Preferable Purchases and Practices Policy

The goal of Farmersville Unified School District(s) (FUSD) Environmentally Preferable Purchases and Practices Policy (EPPPP) is to reduce the adverse environmental impact of our purchasing decisions by buying goods and services from manufacturers and vendors who share our commitment to protect human health and the environment. By including environmental considerations into purchasing decisions, along with the traditional focus on price, quality, performance, and availability, FUSD will remain fiscally responsible while promoting practices that improve public health and safety, reduce pollution, conserve natural resources, and support manufacturers and vendors that reduce the adverse environmental impact of their production and distribution systems.

FUSD will:

1. Make a commitment to purchase products that have an environmental standard issued by a third-party or government agency where available.
 2. Ensure vendors or manufacturers agree to take back old product or packaging or cover the cost of recycling/disposal.
 3. Use products containing recycled content to meet or exceed the California State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign requirements.
 4. Use products containing recycled content that meet or exceed the guidelines in the US EPA(s) Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines, if higher than SABRC requirements.
 5. Use products containing recycled content as recommended in the California Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Be Practiced Manual.
 6. Ensure products are Energy Star certified, if a US EPA Energy Star certification is available, or products are in the upper 25% of energy efficiency as designated by the Federal Energy Management Program.
 7. Ensure products are Water Sense certified, if a US EPA Water Sense certification is available.
 8. Ensure materials used in products are non-hazardous to the extent feasible.
 9. Ensure products do not emit harmful air emissions or volatile organic compounds to the extent feasible.
 10. Ensure products are readily biodegradable and non-persistent in the environment after use, where practicable.
 11. Ensure all building and renovations follow the green building practices for design, construction and operation, where appropriate, as described in the LEED TM Rating System.
 12. Ensure raw materials used in products are sustainably harvested or contain recycled content, to extent feasible.
 13. Ensure raw materials used in products are renewable resources (e.g., not based on a fossil fuel), to the extent feasible.
 14. Ensure training is provided to new and existing employees.
 15. Ensure FUSD regularly evaluates and/or improved implementation of EPP policy.
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