



# **Green Procurement in the Government of Canada**

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# **Outline**

- Policy on Green Procurement
- Government-wide Policy Implementation
- Green Procurement Into Practice
- Lessons Learned
- Additional Resources



# **Policy on Green Procurement**

### **Objective:**

To advance the protection of the environment and support sustainable development by integrating environmental performance considerations into the procurement decision-making process

### Why:

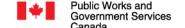
- Reduce the environmental impacts of government operations
- Promote environmental stewardship
- Create a market for environmentally sound goods and services
- Promote innovation in the area of environmental technologies

#### **Context:**

- Value for Money
- Life Cycle Approach Management

Upholds the values of Government procurement principles of fair, open, and transparent competition for suppliers

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# **Government-wide Policy Implementation**

### **Principles:**

- Integration into existing processes
- Governance
- Engagement

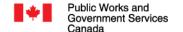
Implementation within current reference levels with no additional costs to the Canadian public

#### **Activities:**

- Centralized purchasing strategies, plans and instruments
- Target setting through Reports on Plans and Priorities:
  - Management framework (training, performance evaluations, processes and controls)
  - Good and service based
- Monitoring and use of industry standards and eco-labels
- Development and sharing of information and tools
- Integration into the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy



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# **Green Procurement In Practice: a 4-step Process**

Planning	Reduce your consumption and consider alternatives to purchasing. Define the need; ask suppliers for solutions. Plan your purchase using the centralized tools and/or resources. Identify environmentally preferable options. Apply green office practices to services
Acquisition	Purchase using the appropriate method of supply. Reduce packaging, paper use and unnecessary transportation/travel.
Use	Use and maintain to minimize environmental impact. e.g. warranties, repair
Disposal	Dispose of goods in an environmentally preferable manner. e.g. reuse within government, donate, recycle



# **Lessons Learned**

### **Challenges:**

- Maintaining competitive procurement while advancing greening
- Balancing environmental and other procurement objectives
- Volume and variety of purchasing and people involved
- Horizontal collaboration and strong engagement at all levels

#### **Success Factors:**

- Centre of expertise (Public Works and Government Services Canada)
  - Foundation of training and governance
  - Detailed guidance and operational tools
  - Systemic integration in centralized procurement
- Partner organizations (Office of Greening Government Operations and Acquisitions Branch) with separate roles and responsibilities
- Leveraging of Federal Sustainable Development Strategy targets
- Phased and principles based approach





## **Additional Resources**

- Office of Greening Government Operations Website
  - Policy on Green Procurement
  - Questions and Answers
  - Toolkit (foundational information and guidelines)
- Buyandsell.gc.ca/green
  - Step-by-Step Guides
  - Green Scorecards
  - Green Standing Offers, Supply Arrangements or Master Contracts
- Training (accessible to federal government employees only)
- GCpedia Green Procurement (accessible to federal government employees only)





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