



Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Specification Examples

This document compiles examples of state and federal green purchasing specifications, originally developed in 2020 and updated in 2026 to include new and expanded content. It is intended to serve as a living resource, with ongoing updates to incorporate relevant examples over time.

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Bottled Water

Connecticut

Bottled Water

Prohibits the purchase of bottled water unless tap water is proven unsafe, encouraging reusable containers and reduced environmental impact.

<https://portal.ct.gov/das/-/media/das/procurement-services/contracting/bottled-water-policy-2010.pdf>

Massachusetts

Water: Bottled, Emergency Bottled, Water Filtration Services, Reverse Osmosis Systems

This contract covers drinking water needs. Categories include bottled water, bottle-less water systems, and emergency bottled water (potable and non-potable). All bottles are BPA-free, and either reused or easily recyclable in a facility or municipal recycling program.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/environmentally-preferable-products-index#water-bottled-emergency-bottled-water-filtration-services-reverse-osmosis-systems>

Cleaning Products

Connecticut

Cleaning Products

Requires the use of certified environmentally preferable cleaning products in state buildings, with exceptions where certifications do not yet exist.

<https://portal.ct.gov/das/-/media/das/procurement-services/contracting/epp/epp-cleaning-policy-20251017.pdf>

Maryland

Cleaning and Facility Maintenance Chemicals

This sub-category includes a variety of chemical cleaners and facility maintenance products

<https://dgs.maryland.gov/Documents/DCE%20-%20Green%20Purchasing/Specs/Janitorial%20Supplies%20and%20Services/Janitorial%20Supplies%20Specification.pdf>

New Jersey

Executive Order 76 (EO 76) Issued January 2006

Directs State Agencies to purchase environmentally preferable cleaning products that minimize potential impacts to human health and the environment, can use up existing inventories, encourages non-state agencies to do the same. Most importantly, green purchasing attempts to identify and reduce the environmental impact of an organization's activities and maximize resource efficiency.

<https://www.nj.gov/infobank/circular/eoc76.htm>

New York

Bathroom Cleaners

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greeny/bathroom-cleaners>

Degreasers and Parts Cleaners

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greeny/degreasers-and-parts-cleaners>

Glass Cleaners

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greeny/glass-cleaners>

General Purpose Cleaners

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greeny/general-purpose-cleaners-0>

Hand Cleaners

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greeny/hand-cleaners>

Hard Floor Cleaners

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greeny/hard-floor-cleaners>

Vermont

Cleaning Products

In order to comply with Executive Orders 02-04 and 14-03, the State of Vermont will specify, buy, and use only Environmentally Preferable Custodial Cleaning Products in state owned and leased facilities.

Environmentally Preferable Cleaning Products (EPP) are defined as products that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purposes. Products on the Environmentally Preferable Custodial Cleaning contracts meet or exceed the criteria established.

<https://bgs.vermont.gov/commissioner/adminpolicies/0032>

Clothing

Massachusetts

This contract includes a category (no. 7) for “environmentally preferable clothing.” Items in this category may be made with recycled materials (e.g., recycled polyester and/or PET plastic), organically grown cotton, be bleached without the use of chlorine, or similar environmental attributes. Contact vendors to request additional information on the products provided.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/environmentally-preferable-products-index#clothing-environmentally-preferable>

Floor Coverings

Massachusetts

Floorcoverings and Accessories

Healthier and environmentally preferable flooring options are available on this contract. Buyers are required to only provide products that meet third-party certifications and standards and must disclose additional information about the products.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/environmentally-preferable-products-index#floorcoverings-and-accessories>

Maryland

Flooring and Adhesive

<https://dgs.maryland.gov/Documents/DCE%20-%20Green%20Purchasing/Specs/Building%20Supplies,%20Systems,%20and%20Equipment/Flooring%20Specification.pdf>

New York

Floor Coverings

Hard and “resilient” flooring products, carpeting sheet goods and tile goods for new installations and for patching or replacements of existing carpet installations. Backing and adhesives related to carpet installations, hard and “resilient” flooring.

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greeny/floor-coverings>

Energy

Connecticut

Equipment and Appliances for State Use, Energy Standards

Requires state agencies to purchase equipment and appliances meeting federal energy-efficiency standards.

https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/Chap_058.htm#sec_4a-67c

Vermont

Energy Efficiency (Energy Star)

The State will purchase only energy-consuming devices that meet or exceed the Energy Star or comparable standards established by the U.S. federal government, and to operate these devices in a manner that maximizes their energy efficiency features (Executive Order No. 15-12).

<https://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing-contracting/forms/epp>

Furniture – Indoor & Out-of-Doors

Federal

Office Furniture

Office furniture includes seating, desks, storage units, file cabinets, tables and systems furniture (or "cubicles") used in virtually all federal offices. Most office furniture is made of wood or steel. Other materials used in office furniture manufacturing include polyethylene terephthalate in fabrics; plastic, which is integrated in components such as laminated work surfaces and arm rests; aluminum; particle board; and medium-density fiberboard, which is thicker than particle board. Recovered steel, aluminum, wood, agricultural fiber and plastic are used to make office furniture. Furniture also can be refurbished or remanufactured.

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guidelines-non-paper-office-products#02>

Park Benches and Picnic Tables

Park benches and picnic tables are typically found in parks, outdoor recreational facilities and on the grounds of office buildings. Recycled milk jugs and aluminum and steel cans can be used to manufacture these items.

EPA's Recovered Materials Advisory Notice recommends recycled content levels for purchasing park benches and picnic tables as shown in the link below.

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guidelines-park-and-recreation-products#01>

Playground Equipment

Slides, swings, climbing equipment, merry-go-rounds, and seesaws are all different types of playground equipment. These items can be made with recovered wood, steel, aluminum, high-density polyethylene, LDPE, LLDPE and PP. A typical set of playground equipment made with recovered-content plastic lumber can contain plastic recovered from between 31,500 and 63,000 milk and water jugs.

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guidelines-park-and-recreation-products#03>

Maryland

Playground Equipment

The material used for constructing playground equipment must have the following recycled content requirements linked below.

<https://dgs.maryland.gov/Documents/DCE%20-%20Green%20Purchasing/Specs/Landscaping%20Supplies%20and%20Services/OutdoorFurnitureSpecification.pdf>

Picnic Tables and Park Benches

Picnic tables and park benches must meet the following requirements linked below.

<https://dgs.maryland.gov/Documents/DCE%20-%20Green%20Purchasing/Specs/Landscaping%20Supplies%20and%20Services/OutdoorFurnitureSpecification.pdf>

Wood Based Products

The State recommends wood-based materials used for outdoor furniture and equipment be:

- FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified; or
- Originally sourced from forestlands participating in a system or program which certifies sustainable forest management.

<https://dgs.maryland.gov/Documents/DCE%20-%20Green%20Purchasing/Specs/Landscaping%20Supplies%20and%20Services/OutdoorFurnitureSpecification.pdf>

Outdoor Furniture Packaging

Where the Contractor uses packaging in addition to manufacturer packaging, the Contractor is encouraged to select packaging that minimizes or eliminates the use of disposable containers and/or incorporates recycled content. The Contractor shall avoid the use of polystyrene foam packaging (e.g., peanuts) and other difficult-to-recycle packaging materials. Where appropriate, Contractor packaging using reusable crates or reusable pallets is preferred over boxed packaging.

For corrugated cardboard packaging (also known as containerboard packaging), the Contractor is encouraged to use versions that contain a minimum of 25% by weight of post-consumer materials, which is the minimum post-consumer content level for packaging specified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines.

<https://dgs.maryland.gov/Documents/DCE%20-%20Green%20Purchasing/Specs/Landscaping%20Supplies%20and%20Services/OutdoorFurnitureSpecification.pdf>

Massachusetts

Playground Equipment

Playground equipment must meet the Federal Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines (CPG) for recycled content for playground equipment. Made from plastic playground equipment must contain at least 90% post-consumer recycled content (PCRC); plastic composite equipment must contain at least 50% PCRC; aluminum equipment must contain 25% PCRC; and steel 16 or 67, depending on the manufacturing process.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/environmentally-preferable-products-index#landscaping-products-environmentally-preferable>

New York

Furniture - Covered Products

- Beds
- Bookcases and shelving
- Chairs and stools
- Desks
- Dressers/wardrobes
- Filing and storage cabinets
- Lounge furniture (e.g., couches, side chairs)
- Tables

- Systems furniture (e.g., modular workstations)
- Walls/partitions
- Other miscellaneous furniture

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greenny/furniture-0>

Playground Equipment

This category shall cover picnic tables, benches, chairs and other outdoor furniture and playground structures.

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greenny/outdoor-furniture-and-playground-structures>

Non-Wood-Based Products

- Thermoplastic – the plastic portion of the product must be composed of 100% recycled content and at least 90% post-consumer plastic.
- Thermoset Plastic – the plastic portion of the product must be composed of at least 50% post-industrial or post-consumer recycled content.
- Plastic composite (using thermoplastic) – the plastic portion of the product must be composed of 100% recycled content and at least 50% post-consumer content.
- Plastic composite (using thermoset plastic) – the plastic portion of the product must be composed of at least 50% post-industrial or post-consumer recycled content.

Landscaping

Federal

Garden and Soaker Hose

A garden hose conducts water through its tubing to a specific location using a nozzle, while a soaker hose is perforated tubing that gently irrigates gardens or planted areas. Recovered-content garden and soaker hoses help create new uses for old tires and recycled plastics. EPA's designation specifically covers garden and soaker hoses containing recovered plastic or rubber.

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guidelines-landscaping-products#hoses>

Lawn and Garden Edging

Lawn and garden edging creates a barrier between lawns and landscaped areas or garden beds. The underground portion helps keep grass and weeds out of flower and vegetable

beds. Lawn and garden edging can be manufactured with scrap rubber, milk jugs, and other plastic containers. EPA's designation specifically covers lawn and garden edging containing recovered plastic or rubber.

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guidelines-landscaping-products#edging>

Maryland

Landscaping Supplies and Services

<https://dgs.maryland.gov/Pages/GreenPurchasing/Resources/Landscaping.aspx>

Massachusetts

Landscaping Products

This contract offers a number of native plants, organic products, and products containing post-consumer recycled materials. Recycled content requirements mirror those required by the Federal Government and may be viewed at www.sftool.gov.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/environmentally-preferable-products-index#landscaping-products-environmentally-preferable>

New York

Sustainable Landscaping

Covered Practices

- Master planning
- Integrated site design
- Construction practices
- Hardscaping and other groundcovers
- Plant selection
- Operating and maintenance practices
- Stormwater management
- Control of invasive species
- Use of pesticides (includes herbicides, fungicides, and insecticides)
- Use of fertilizers

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greenny/sustainable-landscaping>

Non-pressure Pipes

AASHTO

Model specification for purchasing plastic corrugated drainage pipe that contains post-consumer plastic, as approved by AASHTO M294R.

Add into a solicitation for municipal gravity flow storm sewer and/or drainage projects the following language:

For municipal gravity flow storm sewer and/or drainage projects, there is a [preference]/[requirement] that the corrugated plastic pipes meet or exceed the requirements of AASHTO M294R or ASTM F2306 and are labeled as containing recycled content.

References:

https://downloads.transportation.org/AASHTO_Materials_Standards_by_Standard_Number.pdf

<https://transportation.org/product-evaluation-and-audit-solutions/wp-content/uploads/sites/49/2024/05/HDPE-24-01.pdf>

Federal

Non-pressure Pipes

Non-pressure pipe is used throughout the United States as drainage pipe and conduit in construction, communications, municipal, industrial, agricultural and mining applications. Non-pressure pipe containing steel, plastic, or cement can be made from recovered materials.

EPA's Recovered Materials Advisory Notice recommends recycled-content levels for purchasing non-pressure pipe as shown in the table linked below.

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guidelines-construction-products#10>

Office Supplies

Federal

Binders, Clipboards, File Folders, Clip Portfolios and Presentation Folders

Binders, clipboards, file folders, clip portfolio and presentation folders are commonly used office products made from a variety of materials. A loose-leaf binder contains split metal rings attached to a metal back that hold perforated sheets of paper. Chipboard,

pressboard, plastic-covered chipboard or paperboard, cloth-covered chipboard or paperboard, and solid plastic binders can all be made with recovered materials. Clipboards, file folders, clip portfolios and presentation folders can be made of solid plastic containing recovered materials.\

EPA's Recovered Materials Advisory Notice recommends recycled-content levels for purchasing binders, clipboards, file folders, clip portfolios and presentation folders as shown in the table linked below.

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guidelines-non-paper-office-products#01>

Maryland

Office Supplies

By procuring products that are reusable or refillable, recycled and recyclable, energy efficient, and sustainably manufactured, we can reduce the environmental footprint of purchases.

<https://dgs.maryland.gov/Pages/GreenPurchasing/Resources/OfficeSupplies.aspx>

Massachusetts

Office Supplies

This contract provides office supplies containing hundreds of items made with recycled content and other environmentally preferable attributes.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/environmentally-preferable-products-index#office-supplies>

New York

Binders

Covered Products

- Three-ring view binders
- Three-ring non-view binders
- Three-ring flexible plastic binders

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greenny/binders>

Office Paper Products

Covered Products

- Color copy/multi-purpose paper (20 lb. and 24 lb. only)

- Manila file folders
- Hanging file folders (green only)
- Legal pads (white and yellow only)
- Sticky notes

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greenny/office-paper-products>

Printing

This category includes the printing of publications such as magazines, booklets, and pamphlets; corner-stitched, side-stitched, saddle-stitched or perfect bound. This category shall also include the printing of items such as brochures, envelopes, letterheads, business cards, and forms.

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greenny/printing>

Outdoor Lumber

Federal

Plastic Lumber Landscaping Timbers and Posts

Landscaping timbers and posts are used as raised beds, retaining walls, and terracing. Plastic lumber landscaping timbers and posts are used in urban plazas, zoos, and outside office buildings-in fact, the National Park Service alone has more than a dozen projects planned with these recycled-content products. Timbers and posts manufactured with plastic or composite (plastic mixed with wood or fiberglass) lumber give new life to recovered wood and plastic materials such as milk jugs and plastic bags.

EPA's Recovered Materials Advisory Notice (RMAN) recommends recycled-content levels for purchasing plastic lumber landscaping timbers and posts as shown in the table linked below.

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guidelines-landscaping-products#posts>

Pallets

Pallets are rigid platforms made of wood, plastic or paperboard used for shipping a variety of products including food, paper and military supplies. Wooden pallets can be repaired or rebuilt with wood from old pallets. Plastic and corrugated pallets can be manufactured from recovered materials.

EPA's Recovered Materials Advisory Notice (RMAN) recommends recycled-content levels for purchasing pallets as shown in the table linked below.

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guidelines-miscellaneous-products#07>

Massachusetts

Fencing, Railing, Decking, Partitions and Lockers

Plastic fencing to contain at least 60% PCRC; plastic shower partitions to contain at least 20% PCRC; steel shower partitions 16 or 67 depending on the manufacturing process; plastic lumber landscaping timbers and posts: HDPE to contain at least 25% PCRC, mixed plastics/sawdust 50%, HDPE/fiberglass 75, and other mixed resins 50%.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/environmentally-preferable-products-index#lawns-and-ground-equipment>

Landscape timbers

Includes all timbers designed for use in landscaping applications.

If timber is not solid wood, it must contain a minimum of 90% total recovered materials, at least 50% of which must be recycled plastic. Timbers may contain fiberglass, wood, or other non-plastic material designed to provide structural strength; however such material must be from recycled material and cannot comprise more than 50% of the total product.

All plastic lumber must be guaranteed against undue warping, sagging, cracking, splitting, rotting, and insect infestation for a minimum of ten (10) years.

Lumber, composite dimensional

Minimum 90% total recovered materials, at least 25% of which must be PCRC plastic. Lumber may contain fiberglass, wood, or other non-plastic material designed to provide structural strength; however, such material must be recycled and must comprise no more than 50% of the total product.

Lumber, plastic dimensional

Minimum of 90% PCRC plastic material. Must be free of fiberglass or any other non-plastic material. Plastic may be derived from a single resin or from co-mingled plastic materials.

Paper Products

Connecticut

Standards for Purchase of Recycled Paper

All recycled xerographic or copy paper purchased by the state for use in state offices shall meet the applicable minimum recycled content standards established in federal Executive Order No. 13101, and any regulations or guidelines promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to carry out the purposes of said order, for purchase of paper by the federal government, provided such paper shall have a composition such that at least ten per cent of the fiber material used to produce such paper is derived from postconsumer recovered paper. Any recycled white paper used for state lottery tickets and tax return forms shall meet the standards provided therein for xerographic copy paper, provided at least thirty per cent of the fiber material used to produce such paper is derived from postconsumer recovered paper, and further provided the recycled paper for lottery tickets meets lottery security requirements. All tax return booklets prepared by the Department of Revenue Services shall be printed on recycled paper which meets the minimum recycled content standards for white paper or newsprint, whichever is used in such booklets, established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, provided at least ten per cent of the fiber material used to produce such white paper is derived from postconsumer recovered paper.

https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/pub/chap_058.htm#sec_4a-67e

Maryland

Paper Products

<https://dgs.maryland.gov/Documents/DCE%20-%20Green%20Purchasing/Specs/Office%20Supplies/Paper%20Specification.pdf>

New Hampshire

Recycled Paper

- Uncoated printing and writing paper purchased by or for state agencies shall contain not less than 30 percent recycled material and coated printing paper purchased by or for state agencies shall contain not less than 10 percent recycled material.
- If compliance with this section is not possible by following current industry standards for any item or items, then such items may be exempted from the requirements of this section, provided:
 - For items purchased through the division, the division makes a written finding that current industry standards require the exemption; or

- For items not purchased through the division, the purchasing agency makes a written finding, as part of its certification filing under RSA 9-C:10, I(b), that current industry standards require the exemption.

<https://gc.nh.gov/rsa/html/I/9-C/9-C-9.htm>

New York

Paper Napkins

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greeny/paper-napkins>

White Copy Paper

This specification covers reams and cases of white copy and multi-purpose paper with a standard weight (20 lb.) in the following sizes:

- Letter size (8.5" X 11")
- Legal size (8.5" X 14")
- Ledger size (11" X 17")
- Letter size with three-hole punch

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greeny/white-copy-paper>

Office Paper Products

Covered Products

- Color copy/multi-purpose paper (20 lb. and 24 lb. only)
- Manila file folders
- Hanging file folders (green only)
- Legal pads (white and yellow only)
- Sticky notes

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greeny/office-paper-products>

Vermont

Paper

The state desires to reduce the use of chlorine in the products it purchases to protect the environment from pollution. Processed Chlorine Free (PCF) paper means paper in which the recycled content is processed unbleached or is bleached without the use of chlorine or chlorine derivatives AND any virgin material contained therein is totally chlorine free (TCF).

Copier Paper

The State of Vermont requires PCF copier paper which contains a minimum of 50% post-consumer recycled material (any virgin material must be TCF).

Printing and Writing Paper

The State of Vermont requires at least 30% post-consumer recycled content for non-coated paper and at least 10% post-consumer recycled content for coated paper. Preference will be given to chlorine free options when suitable choices are available.

<https://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing-contracting/forms/epp>

Plastic Bags

Federal

Plastic Trash Bags

Plastic trash bags, also called trash can liners, are widely available with recovered material content including HDPE, LDPE and LLDPE. The amount of recovered materials used in the manufacturing process is prescribed by the color, size and thickness of the bag.

EPA's Recovered Materials Advisory Notice recommends recycled-content levels for purchasing plastic trash bags as shown in the table linked below.

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guidelines-non-paper-office-products#06>

Massachusetts

Trash Bags, Plastic, Imprinted, Recycled

The FAC86 contract provides plastic trash bags with customized printing options. All bags are made of 100% low-density polyethylene (LDPE), contain a minimum of 20% post-consumer recycled content, and are available in a range of colors. Commonwealth cities and towns that operate user-fee (Pay-As-You-Throw) programs may purchase from this contract.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/environmentally-preferable-products-index#trash-bags-plastic-imprinted-recycled>

Minnesota

Can Liners and Bags

The polyethylene can liners/bags must meet the following ASTM standards:

- ASTM D2103, Standard Specification for Polyethylene Film and Sheeting
- ASTM D1709, Standard Test Methods for Impact Resistance of Plastic Film by the Free- Falling DART Method

- ASTM D1922, Standard Test Method for Propagation Tear Resistance of Plastic Film and Thin Sheeting by Pendulum Method
- ASTM D882, Standard Test Method for Tensile Properties of Thin Plastic Sheeting

Recycled Content

- Price Schedule A: Polyethylene bags of 0.7 mil thickness or greater **MAY** contain a minimum of 25% recycled content, of which 10% **MAY** be post-consumer recycle content.
- Price Schedule B: Polyethylene bags of 0.7 mil thickness or greater **MUST** contain a minimum of 25% recycled content, of which 10% **MUST** be post-consumer recycled content.
- Price Schedule B: Polyethylene bags of 0.7 mil thickness or greater **MUST** contain a minimum of 25% recycled content, of which 10% **MAY** be post-consumer recycled content.

New York

Trash Bags

Covered Products: Plastic janitorial trash bags and can liners

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greeny/plastic-trash-bags>

Recycling Containers, Bins, Roll-Offs, & Compost Containers

Federal

Office Recycling Containers and Waste Receptacles

Recycling containers and waste receptacles are used to collect and transport waste and recyclable materials in offices all across the country -- either in deskside or larger, more centralized containers. These items can be made from recovered paper, plastic or steel.

EPA's Recovered Materials Advisory Notice (RMAN) recommends recycled-content levels for purchasing office recycling containers and waste receptacles as shown in the table linked below.

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guidelines-non-paper-office-products#03>

Massachusetts

Recycling Containers and Compost Bins

This contract includes a wide variety of containers for various recycling applications including recycling bins, wheeled carts, home composting bins and buckets, public space recycling containers including solar bins, and rain barrels.

- All products are required to contain reused or recycled content. Rain barrels are 98% reused and most of the plastic recycling bins, containers, and carts are manufactured with approximately 30% post-consumer recycled plastic.
- Local vendors available on the contract.
- The solar-powered trash and recycling compactors handle the equivalent of two or more containers of debris, saving time and labor for staff.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/environmentally-preferable-products-index#recycling-containers-and-compost-bins>

New York

Indoor Covered Products

Indoor trash, recycling, and organic waste containers for use in including, but not limited to:

- Bathrooms
- Breakrooms
- Hallways
- Kitchens
- Janitorial purposes
- Offices
- Menstrual product receptacles
- Waste container lids
- or Waste Containers

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greeny/indoor-waste-containers>

Traffic Control

Federal

Traffic Barricades

Slides, swings, climbing equipment, merry-go-rounds and seesaws are all different types of playground equipment. These items can be made with recovered wood, steel, aluminum, HDPE, LDPE, LLDPE and PP. A typical set of playground equipment made with recovered-content plastic lumber can contain plastic recovered from between 31,500 and 63,000 milk and water jugs.

EPA's Recovered Materials Advisory Notice recommends recycled-content levels for purchasing traffic barricades as shown in the table linked below.

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guidelines-transportation-products#03>

Traffic cones

Traffic cones are used to mark a road hazard or to direct traffic. Recovered plastics are used in the upper component of the cones, and crumb rubber and/or plastics are used in the base.

EPA's Recovered Materials Advisory Notice recommends recycled-content levels for purchasing traffic cones as shown in the table linked below.

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guidelines-transportation-products#04>

Massachusetts

Traffic Cones

Minimum
8% PCRC

New York

Traffic Cones

<https://ogs.ny.gov/greeny/traffic-cones>

Third Party Certifications Verifying Post-Consumer Recycling Content

<https://www.nerc.org/PCR-material-demand-hub#RecycledContentResources>

Vehicles

Connecticut

Alternative-Fueled, Hybrid Electric or Plug-in Electric Vehicles

The fleet average for cars or light duty trucks purchased by the state shall:

- On and after October 1, 2001, have a United States Environmental Protection Agency estimated highway gasoline mileage rating of at least thirty-five miles per gallon and on and after January 1, 2003, have a United States Environmental

Protection Agency estimated highway gasoline mileage rating of at least forty miles per gallon,

- comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 490 concerning the percentage of alternative-fueled vehicles required in the state motor vehicle fleet, and
- obtain the best achievable mileage per pound of carbon dioxide emitted in its class. The alternative-fueled vehicles purchased by the state to comply with said requirements shall be capable of operating on natural gas or electricity or any other system acceptable to the United States Department of Energy that operates on fuel that is available in the state.

https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/pub/chap_058.htm#sec_4a-67d

Maryland

Maryland is ramping up its fleet electrification activities to support the State's greenhouse gas reduction goals. As EVs are added to the State's vehicle fleet, State facilities will need adequate charging infrastructure in place to support them. In order to ensure charging stations meet energy efficiency and safety requirements, the Green Purchasing Committee has issued a comprehensive technical and environmentally preferable specification for electric vehicle charging stations - also known as electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE).

<https://dgs.maryland.gov/Pages/GreenPurchasing/Resources/ElectricVehicles.aspx>

Massachusetts

Vehicles, Alternative Fuel

For VEH110: This contract allows departments and political subdivisions to purchase fuel-efficient hybrid, battery-hybrid, electric, and bi-fuel vehicles for inclusion in their fleets. All vehicles in Categories 1, 2, and 3 must be hybrid electric (HEV), plug-in hybrid (PHEV), battery electric (BEV), or fuel cell electric (FCEV). Link to the VEH110 Master Vehicle List for purchasing options.

For VEH111: This contract has some all-electric vehicles and upfits available, including busses and truck chassis. There are also vehicles and equipment with some alternative fuel options including propane, CNG, and biodiesel.

Executive Agencies in the Commonwealth must follow EO594: Decarbonizing and Minimizing Environmental Impacts of State Government – and any associated fuel guidelines.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/environmentally-preferable-products-index#vehicles-alternative-fuel>

Vehicle Parts, Remanufactured Motorized Parts

This contract establishes a list of vendors to provide motorized vehicle parts, accessories, and supplies. Many of these supplies are remanufactured. Ask the vendor about remanufactured parts when ordering.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/environmentally-preferable-products-index#vehicle-parts-remanufactured-motorized-parts>

Vermont

Vehicles

The State will purchase vehicles that have the highest available fuel efficiency in each respective vehicle class (e.g., passenger cars, light duty trucks, etc.) pursuant to performance specifications recommended by the state operations working group established under Executive Order 15-12 section I (J). These performance standards should include consideration of vehicles that not only meet high fuel economy standards but that also provide lower total emissions of greenhouse gases, criteria pollutants, and hazardous air contaminants.

<https://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing-contracting/forms/epp>