

Purchasing and Sustainability

A key direction of the Purchasing Department is to assist with the identification and implementation (if appropriate) of college wide procurement practices that will aid in fostering a culture of sustainability at Monroe Community College.

Past Practices

Over the years the Purchasing Department has been 'quietly' pursuing products and services that have a reduced negative impact on the environment and the health of humans and wildlife.

Several examples are:

- Ordering general use copy/printing paper that has 100% recycled content.
- Seeking appliances that are Energy Star certified.
- Specifying that our primary vendor for desktop computers, laptops, net books and peripheral products provide devices that are Energy Star certified.
- Specifying that our copier vendor provide units manufactured using recycled products to the maximum extent possible without interfering with the performance of the equipment.
- In cooperation with Technology Services, mandate that the College use recycled/remanufactured toner cartridges for all campus laser printers.
- Assisted the Building Services Department of Facilities to identify and purchase 'green' janitorial and restroom supply products for use where appropriate.
- Identified a vendor for the proper recycling of electronic devices, computers, monitors, and essentially any device with an electric plug.

Future Focus

Sustainability is an emerging priority of the College Community. Purchasing will strive to keep current with statewide 'green' initiatives as directed by Executive Order through the Governor's Office. While Executive Order sets the standard, it is anticipated that Purchasing will assist the College to go above and beyond the standard and to do what is right.