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1.0 SCOPE

DGS Purchasing Standards provide the minimum criteria purchases must meet to be considered Environmentally Preferable (EPP), aka “green”, by the state of California. They establish a mechanism for incorporating performance and environmental requirements that meet the state’s environmentally preferable goals, into procurements and policy.

Per Public Contract Code (PCC) §12400 through 12404, Environmentally Preferable Purchasing, the purchasing standard herein establishes the following EPP requirements for cafeteria & food services, henceforth, the Service.

2.0 APPLICABLE LAWS and INDUSTRY STANDARDS

Departments must adhere to all applicable laws, regulations, policies, best practices, and purchasing authority requirements such as, California Code of Regulations, State Administrative Manual, Management Memos, and State Contracting Manual as applicable.

This list is for informational purposes only and is not all-inclusive. It is the state department’s responsibility to ensure the purchase adheres to all applicable laws, regulations, policies, best practices, and purchasing authority requirements.

2.1 LAWS and REGULATIONS

[EO N-19-19](#), Governor's Climate Change Agenda
[PCC §12400](#), Environmentally Preferable Purchasing
[PCC §12200-17](#), State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign (SABRC)
[Assembly Bill \(AB\) 1884](#), Single-use Plastic Straws
[PRC § 42370](#), Sustainable Packaging for the State of California Act of 2018
[PRC § 42649.8-.87](#), Recycling of Organic Waste
[14 California Code of Regulations \(CCR\) 17979](#), Recycled Content Trash Bag Program

2.2 POLICY

State Administrative Manual, Section 1930.5, Food Waste & Section (Recycling)
State Administrative Manual, Section 1930.8, Organic Waste (Recycling)

3.0 ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS

Food Service Ware must meet the requirements the [Sustainable Packaging for the State of California Act of 2018](#), administered by CalRecycle.

Use only SABRC-compliant plastic trash bags that contain at least 10% post-consumer recycled content.

Organic waste shall be recycled in accordance with the State Administrative Manual, Section 1930.

Services or products must meet at least one of the requirements below to be considered EPP:

- USDA (U.S Department of Agriculture) Organic foods
- CCOF (California Certified Organic Farmers) food and beverages
- Dinnerware and flatware shall be, in the order of preference:
 - Reusable
 - Recyclable
 - Compostable
- Green Seal certified food service paper products
- Paper products with a minimum of 30% post-consumer recycled content (PCRC)
- Cleaning chemicals with at least one of the following certifications:
 - Green Seal
 - UL EcoLogo
 - US EPA's Safer Choice Program
 - Cradle to Cradle (at the Gold level or higher)
- Kitchen equipment certified by Energy Star

4.0 RESOURCES

Visit the [Buying Green](#) website for additional information about EPP.

Learn about UNSPSCs by visiting the [United Nations Standard Products and Services Code®](#).

Visit CalRecycle's [SABRC compliant trash bags](#) page.