



SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING POLICY

The Mamakating Library strives to be a responsible steward of the environment and respectful of the social and financial consequences of its actions. In this way the Library considers the “triple bottom line of sustainability” when making purchases.

As an environmental steward, the Library strives to decrease its negative impact on land and water and reduce the amount of greenhouse gases it generates. Toward that end, the Library shall, wherever practical and efficient, endeavor to use environmentally sound procurement practices in purchasing supplies and equipment. Individuals making purchases for the Library shall take factors such as the following into consideration, although this is not an exhaustive list:

- Recyclability of the items
- Amount of post-consumer recycled content in the items and packaging
- Amount of non-renewable resources consumed in production of the items
- Disposal of items such as batteries and hardware
- Transportation distances for delivery of the items
- Ability for an item to be repaired or repurposed rather than re-purchasing
- The environmentally friendly practices of the vendors under consideration

The Library also considers the following social factors when making procurement decisions:

- The hiring and wage practices of the vendors under consideration, when known, with emphasis on diversity and living wages
- Minority and women-owned companies, when available, have greater potential to be selected vendors and contractors

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the Library from considering a product or vendor that is more suitable for the intended use and/or available at a more competitive price that does not meet these aspirational standards.

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