



Purchasing Environmentally Preferable Products (EPPs)

What are Environmentally Preferable Products (EPPs)?

EPPs are defined as items that have a reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose. EPPs may include products that contain recycled content, minimize waste, conserve energy or water, protect natural resources, and reduce the use and release of toxic chemicals. EPPs also offer human health and economic benefits such as reduced worker illness, improvements in public health and decreased costs associated with waste management and regulatory compliance.

Why should my business buy EPPs?

An increasing number of businesses, government agencies and households are purchasing environmentally preferable products and services to protect their health and provide a safer, less toxic workplace, potentially reduce the amount of regulation they are subjected to, reduce liabilities, and protect the environment. Many customers may be asking for this and consider it an important item when choosing a repair facility.

What types of EPP products or services are available?

Due to consumer demand, there are a growing number of products and services that have environmental benefits without sacrificing high performance or cost competitiveness. A list of suppliers is included with this fact sheet. Please note that the list is not comprehensive and does not constitute an endorsement by the State of Connecticut. You can also ask your suppliers or check the Internet for additional products.

Best Management Practices

- ★ Purchase the largest practical container, but don't purchase more than you need. Purchase frequently used products in bulk (e.g., oil, antifreeze) to reduce packaging waste.
- ★ Purchase the least toxic product available. Check the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for products you purchase. If the product is toxic, ask your supplier for alternatives.
- ★ If you do have excess or unneeded materials, see if your supplier can take them back.
- ★ Include the cost of disposal, worker safety and regulatory burden when you make purchasing decisions. What looks like the cheaper option may cost more because of disposal, health and safety, regulatory or other management costs.
- ★ Store materials in a way that keeps them from being damaged.
- ★ Use the oldest items first (first-in, first-out).

- ★ Purchase products made with recycled content to close the recycling loop (i.e., create a market for the products you recycle). The quality of these products is just as good as those made with virgin materials and prices are competitive.

Pollution Prevention Checklist

- ✓ Do you look for and purchase alternatives to less toxic products?



Did You Know?

The United States consumes approximately 25% of the world's resources with only 5% of the world's population.

DISCLAIMER: This guidance is a tool to help you evaluate compliance at your facility. It is not a complete list of all regulations and requirements that may apply to your business. You are responsible for knowing and complying with all updated applicable state, federal, local and tribal requirements. Please be aware that environmental laws and regulations, as well as process technology may have changed significantly since these were published. Please do not rely on them for current information, but rather to provide background information.

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Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

Disclaimer

The following is a list of suppliers that DEEP and/or the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) are aware of that supply environmentally preferable products or services. It is not a comprehensive listing, nor does a listing in this directory represent an endorsement by the State of Connecticut. Listings are subject to change, so please contact the company for current information.

Company / Product	Phone & Fax	Web Site
<p>3M Lead-free wheel weights. See also BATA, Plombo, and Perfect Equipment for wheel weights made of zinc, steel, composites.</p> <p>Info on Lead free wheel weights: http://leadfreewheels.org/</p>		<p>http://solutions.3m.com/wps/portal/3M/en_US/3M_Automotive/OEMs/3M_Solutions/Wheel_Weights/</p> <p>http://www.ammcoats.com/</p> <p>http://www.plombco.com/</p> <p>http://www.perfectequipment.com/</p>
<p>Branson Electronics Aqueous parts cleaning, brake cleaning, oil/water separators</p>	<p>Phone: 203-796 0400 Fax: 203-796 9838</p>	<p>www.bransoncleaning.com</p>
<p>Carey Wiping Materials Corp. Cloth and paper wipers, environmental spill products</p>	<p>Phone 860-224-2459 Fax: 860-229-7870</p>	<p>www.careywiping.com</p>
<p>Chem Station New England Water-based detergents and cleaners, less hazardous parts washing systems</p>	<p>Phone: 860-291-2863 Fax: 860-291-2864</p>	<p>www.chemstation.com</p>
<p>Clayton Associates, Inc. Automotive brake cleaning equipment and HEPA-Filter vacuum sanding equipment</p>	<p>Phone: 732-363-2100 800-248-8650 Fax: 732-364-6084</p>	<p>www.jclayton.com</p>
<p>Connecticut Cleaning & Heating Equipment (Simsbury, CT) Aqueous automatic parts washers and waste oil furnaces and boilers</p>	<p>Phone: 800-727-3295 Fax: 860-658-5765</p>	<p>www.connecticutcleaningandheatingequipment.com</p>

Company / Product	Phone & Fax	Web Site
Dawg, Inc. Eco-friendly, recycled absorbent sacks, pillowcases, pads	Phone: 800-YEL-DAWG 800-935-3294 Fax: 800-LIL-PAWS 800-545-7297	www.dawginc.com
Hubbard Hall Service Emerald Cleaners less hazardous parts washing systems	Phone: 203-756-5521 Fax: 203-756-9017	www.hubbardhall.com
New Pig Absorbent mats, socks, pillows, wipers and rags	Phone: HOT-HOGS 800-468-4647	www.newpig.com
Northeast Industrial Flooring Chemical resistant coatings for floors, concrete repair and sealing	Phone: 860-292-5920 Fax: 860-292-5922	
Northeast Lamp Recycling Fluorescent lamp & universal waste recycling. <i>Additional vendors</i>	Phone: 888-657-5267	www.nlr-green.com
Oban East Coast Division, LLC Non-chemical odor control additive for use with washing systems and gray water tanks	Toll free: 866-636-7466	www.obansales.com
Pastanch Recycled content traffic control devices and traffic safety cones	Phone: 203-720-9478 Fax: 203-720-9489	
Safety Kleen Less hazardous parts washing systems, antifreeze recycling service vendor, recycled parts washing solvents, re-refined oil	Phone: 860-953-4222 Fax: 860-953-8608	www.safetykleen.com
Seda Environmental Equipment Vehicle fluid management systems	Phone: 727-545-8879	recyclerssource.com/index.html
GH Berlin Lubricants Antifreeze recycling systems and vehicle fluid draining equipment	Phone: 860-289-7800 Fax: 860-289-2981	www.ghberlinwindward.com

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System One Parts cleaning, recycling of dirty solvent	Phone: 305-593-8015 800-711-1414 Fax: 305-593-8016	www.systemonetechnologies.com
United Laboratories Stormwater management, less hazardous parts washing systems	Phone: 800-323-2594 Fax: 630-443-2087	www.unitedlabsinc.com/usa/
ZEP Manufacturing Aqueous spray cabinets and other cleaning products	Phone: 877-428-9937	www.zepmfg.com
Zymol All-natural car care products (wax, wash, glaze)	Phone: 203-484-1622	www.zymol.com
The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) also has Vehicle Service and Repair Equipment and Supplies Directory database on line. You can search for environmentally preferable products alphabetically or by category, keyword, or state		