

Going "Au Naturel" in the Army



IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN!

BUT AT LEAST IT'S EASY BUYING GREEN!

"GREEN PROCUREMENT" MEANS BUYING PRODUCTS THAT HAVE A REDUCED NEGATIVE EFFECT ON HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT WHEN COMPARED TO SIMILAR PRODUCTS.



SOME GREEN EXAMPLES INCLUDE CLEANERS THAT ARE CITRUS-BASED INSTEAD OF SOLVENT-BASED, ALTERNATIVES TO PRODUCTS MADE WITH ASBESTOS, OR PLASTIC PRODUCTS MADE WITH RENEWABLE MATERIALS INSTEAD OF FOSSIL OR PETROLEUM SOURCES.

ENERGY AND WATER-EFFICIENT PRODUCTS ARE GREEN, TOO.

GOING GREEN IS MANDATORY IN THE ARMY WHEN PROCURING CERTAIN ITEMS AND SERVICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO...

- paper and paper products
- office products and equipment
- vehicle maintenance
- printing supplies or services
- appliances
- computers and other electronic equipment
- industrial supplies
- parks and recreation products
- building construction, renovation or maintenance supplies



THE ORIGINATOR OF THE PROCUREMENT REQUEST MUST JUSTIFY ANY DECISION **NOT** TO BUY A GREEN PRODUCT DESIGNATED AS...

- energy efficient by the Department of Energy or
- containing recovered content by the Environmental Protection Agency or
- containing renewable content by the US Department of Agriculture



WRITTEN JUSTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR PURCHASES OVER THE MICROPURCHASE THRESHOLD AND MUST STATE THAT THE REQUIRED GREEN VERSION OF A PRODUCT COULD NOT BE ACQUIRED...



- at a reasonable price
- to meet reasonable performance standards
- within a reasonable timeframe or at a sufficient level of competition



"THINK GREEN" IS NOT ONLY A POPULAR TURN OF PHRASE-IT'S THE RULE OF LAW WHEN IT COMES TO ARMY PROCUREMENT.

DOD'S GREEN PROCUREMENT PROGRAM (GPP) DIRECTS THAT GREEN PRODUCTS OR SERVICES MUST BE CONSIDERED FOR ALL ITEMS AND SERVICES PROCURED BY MILITARY SERVICES.

REMEMBER, WHEN YOU BUY GREEN PRODUCTS, YOU ARE HELPING THE ARMY PERFORM ITS MISSION BY...



- increasing energy efficiency
- improving workers' health
- promoting environmental stewardship
- creating markets for green products

It's easy to participate in the GPP. Green products are identified in the DLA Federal Catalog System, the Federal Logistics Information System Web Inquiry (WebFLIS), and DOD's Electronic Mall (EMALL). Simply enter the keyword or part number you're looking for and watch the green tree icons sprout up in your search results. In DOD's EMALL, you can also set your search to identify **only** green products by clicking on the tree logo in the lower left-hand corner of your search screen.

DOD EMALL
Under 'Refine Your Search' you can search for products with green attributes using the Environmental Attribute Code (tree symbol)

1. Type in the product you are searching for
2. Click on the Environmental Attribute Code symbol

The tree symbol with the RC code means the selected item has recycled content

Customers who purchase green products through authorized channels will also benefit by having their purchases recorded to help them meet green product procurement and reporting mandates.

The Environmental Reporting Logistics System's Green Procurement Report (ERLS GPR) tracks green items purchased via the DLA or GSA stock system. Any military service can track their environmentally-friendly purchases in the ERLS GPR:

<http://www.dlis.dla.mil/erlsgr/default.asp>



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WHYS AND HOWS OF THE GPP, CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING...

- The Federal Green Purchasing Program:
<http://www.fedcenter.gov/programs/buygreen>
- DLA's Green Toolbox:
<http://www.dla.mil/j-4/cric/GreenProcurement.asp>
- Call a Greenline representative:
DSN 695-4060, (804) 279-4060, or email:
greenproducts@dla.mil

