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	Biodegradable Products Institute is an organization that certifies that so-called “biodegradable” plastic products will safely break down in a typical commercial composting facility. www.bpiworld.org
	Chlorine-free Products Association is a nonprofit organization that certifies chlorine-free products such as copy paper, envelopes and tissue products. www.chlorinefreeproducts.org
	EcoLogo is Canada’s environmental product certification program. It has issued standards for over 300 product categories (such as flooring, paint, electricity, cleaners, office equipment, and paper products), many of which are sold in California. www.ecologo.org/en/
	Electronic Products Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) is an independent program that certifies “green” electronic equipment such as computers, monitors and laptops. www.epeat.net
	Energy Star is a joint program of the US Department of Energy and US Environmental Protection Agency where you can find certified energy-efficient products (such as light fixtures, exit signs, appliances and office equipment). www.energystar.gov
	E-Stewards is a program that certifies that recyclers of electronic equipment adhere to the highest standard of environmental responsibility and worker protection. A copy of the e-Stewards Standard for Responsible Recycling and Reuse of Electronic Equipment® can be found at www.e-stewards.org/certification-overview
	Forest Stewardship Council certifies lumber and other building products made with sustainably harvested wood or that reduce wood consumption. www.fscus.org
	Green-e is a labeling program established by the nonprofit organization, Center for Resource Solutions, which verifies electricity that has been generated using renewable sources such as solar and wind energy. www.green-e.org
	Greenguard is a nonprofit organization that certifies products that impact indoor air quality. Find products (such as flooring, paints, furniture, and cleaning products) with low VOCs and other emissions. Some are certified for use near children. www.greenguard.org
	Green Seal is a nonprofit organization that set standards for products (such as janitorial cleaners, floor strippers, and paints) and certifies products that meet those standards. www.greenseal.org
	Scientific Certification Systems verifies green claims such as “biodegradable” or “contains recycled content”. SCS also oversees compliance with the California Gold Sustainable Carpet Standard and other environmental certifications www.sscertified.com
	TransFair maintains a Fair Trade label issued to companies that import products such as coffee, tea, chocolate and rice that have been manufactured and sold under fair and safe working conditions. For a list of certified products. www.transfairusa.org
	US Department of Agriculture allows use of its organic label for products meeting federal standards that address pesticide and fertilizer use and other approved methods used to grow, harvest and process food and other agricultural products. www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/

Additional Resources

	<p>Bay Area Green Business Program is network of programs operating in the 9 Bay Area counties, verifies that local businesses meet higher standards of environmental performance. Find more than 1600 certified businesses, and links to Green Business Programs elsewhere in California www.greenbiz.ca.gov</p>
	<p>Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Network (EPPNet) is a free electronic list-serv that links public and private officials charged with purchasing environmentally preferable products and services. It provides subscribers with quick access to EPP policies, specifications, vendors, and pricing and performance information. www.nerc.org/eppnet/index.html</p>
	<p>National Association of State Purchasing Officials (NASPO) has developed a Green Purchasing Resource Guide designed to help its members in “navigating the sea of information surrounding the adoption of a responsible purchasing program. This guide is intended to be a straight forward, easy-to-use document that provides purchasers with a basic understanding of the concept and benefits of green purchasing..” www.naspo.org/content.cfm/id/Green_Guide</p>
	<p>Public Environmentally Preferable Procurement System (PEPPS) is a networking website designed and operated by public agencies, local governments and special districts in the Bay Area. The purpose is to facilitate collaborative thinking and communication towards the pooled procurement of environmentally preferable products and services. www.sv-pepps.org</p>
	<p>Responsible Purchasing Network (RPN) is a member-based network of procurement stakeholders that maintains an online clearinghouse of information on EPP policies, programs, purchasing guides, reports, upcoming events and other related resources. www.responsiblepurchasing.org.</p>
	<p>SF Approved List is a compilation of products and services that meet the health and environmental standards of the City & County of San Francisco. The SF Approved List is a project of the San Francisco Department of the Environment, which is charged with implementing the City’s Precautionary Purchasing Ordinance www.sfapproved.org</p>
	<p>StopWaste.Org: is a public agency in Alameda County that promotes waste prevention, recycling and EPP. It offers an EPP resource guide, model policy and fact sheets on rechargeable batteries, remanufactured toner cartridges, janitorial products, office supplies and other product categories. www.stopwaste.org</p>
	<p>US Department of Agriculture’s BioPreferred Program is a voluntary initiative that labels products containing biobased (plant-based) material. It offers a catalog of products that contain a minimum amount biobased content. www.biopreferred.gov/aboutus.aspx</p>
	<p>US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) has developed Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines that recommend minimum recycled-content levels for dozens of products. For more information, www.epa.gov/cpg/products.htm</p> <p>US EPA has also developed a suite of tools to help facilitate EPP, including a database listing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract language, specifications, and policies created by federal, state and local governments; • Vendor lists of product brands that meet federal EPP standards; and • EPP Updates, guidance documents, fact sheets, and case studies
	<p>West Coast Climate and Materials Management Forum is an EPA-led partnership of western cities and states that are developing and sharing ways to integrate lifecycle materials management policies and practices into climate actions. http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/ECOCOMM.NSF/climate+change/wccmmf</p>