



Sustainable (Green) Purchasing - Our Commitment

The University of Pittsburgh is committed to environmental stewardship through sustainable purchasing, conservation, and construction designed to conserve natural resources and preserve the environment. Our purchasing processes seek to balance the following objectives:

- Increase the purchase of sustainable products.
- Comply with regulations requiring sound financial stewardship by the University.
- Comply with regulations that require the University to identify business opportunities for diversity suppliers.

What is the Purchasing Services department doing to facilitate sustainable purchasing?

- Provides environmentally preferable supply sources through active research and solicitation of bids on environmentally preferable goods and services.
- Works with suppliers to ensure that environmentally preferable products are easy to locate through clear product labeling and use of the PantherBuy system. See our list of [contracted supplier programs](#) for more information.
- Asks suppliers to provide clear environmental impact information for the entire life cycle of products.
- Educates University departments about sustainable purchasing practices.
- Provides management services to University departments with product inventories to reduce the excess or obsolete inventories that lead to waste or potential environmental and safety issues.
- Provides a paperless purchase-to-pay process via PantherBuy.

What can department purchasers do?

In addition to utilizing PantherBuy for paperless purchasing of environmentally preferable products from our contracted suppliers, and taking advantage of the other [contracted supplier programs](#), please review the [General Guidelines for Sustainable Purchasing](#) for steps you can take when purchasing for your department.