



Environmental Purchasing Bulletin

Remanufactured Toner Cartridges

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Introduction

Purchasing remanufactured toner cartridges -- cartridges that have been used at least once and then disassembled, cleaned and had worn parts replaced and toner refilled -- can save buyers money while helping the environment. Typically, remanufactured cartridges save users from 30 to 60 percent off the price of new cartridges. And remanufacturing cartridges keeps them out of landfills and reduces the need for new materials in manufacturing.

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SAVE MONEY AND RESOURCES!

King County agencies

saved \$275,000 in 2007

by buying
remanufactured toner cartridges

King County Contract

King County has purchased remanufactured toner cartridges for laser printers and fax machines since 1991. Cartridges supplied under the current contract meet original equipment manufacturer's (OEM) standards and provide full performance guarantees. In 2007, the county purchased 3,900 cartridges, at a cost of approximately \$185,000. These purchases saved an estimated \$275,000, as the cost of new cartridges is, on average, 2.5 times more expensive than remanufactured cartridges on this contract. King County's contract requires spent cartridges to be remanufactured and all components to be recycled when their useful life is over, reducing the landfill disposal of hazardous material.

Used Cartridge Recycling

Because the remanufacturer needs to recover the cartridge when it is empty in order to refurbish for resale, the county requires the vendor to collect used cartridges for recycling when new ones are delivered:

Used Cartridge Recycling Collection Requirement

Keeney's Office Plus will pick up all used toner cartridges for recycling, including all non remanufactured cartridges (i.e. HP, Canon, etc.). Either place them in the collection bins in your office building (request one from Keeney's if you need one) or give them directly to any Keeney's driver.

Warranty

All cartridges are guaranteed and will not void printer warranties. Users who experience cartridge malfunction should call the vendor, Keeney's Office Plus at (425)869-7555 for free replacement. If problems occur with printers due to a defective toner cartridges, Keeney's shall provide an authorized service technician to repair the printer at no charge.

For More Information

- King County Contract Information
ARMS #B20220B
Oracle #390194
Expires January 23, 2009
- [Responsible Purchasing Network](#) - Discussion forum on remanufactured toner cartridges

Vendor Information

Keeney's Office Supply
425-869-7555
Redmond, WA
E-mail: info@Keeneysop.com



On-line ordering: Call Keeney's to set up account

Environmental Purchasing Program

The King County Environmental Purchasing Program assists County agencies in implementation of King County [Executive Policy CON-7-1-2](#), which requires agencies to use recycled and other environmentally preferable products wherever practicable.

The program assembles information about these products and makes it available to specific agency users who can evaluate them and develop applications in County projects.

These environmental purchasing bulletins contain information about the results of product evaluations and other accomplishments of County agencies. We hope this information will help you find ways to use environmentally preferable products in the work of your agency and that you will contact us if we can help you with further information or if you have suggestions.