

Multnomah County Sustainable Purchasing Survey

Tell us where you work

We conducted our first employee survey regarding sustainability and sustainable purchasing in 2009. Now that we've have kicked off our Sustainable Purchasing Policy, we'd like to know what you think and what you do about sustainability and sustainable purchasing at work and at home. Your input will help us determine what tools and training are needed going forward. And we'll share the results with you, too.

1. Where do you work within Multnomah County?
(Required)

- Commissioners Offices
- Department of Community Justice
- Department of Community Services
- Department of County Management
- Assessment and Taxation
- Department of Health
- Department of Libraries
- Department of County Human Services
- Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
- Attorney's Offices
- Other
- District Attorney's Office

2. What division do you work in?

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6. What unit do you work in?

7. How long have you worked for Multnomah County? (Required)

new hire

1 - 3 years

3 - 6 years

7 - 10 years

10+ years

8. Are you a manager or supervisor? (Required)

What is your purchasing authority?

9. On a yearly basis, how much do you purchase as a part of your job? Include all work-related purchases that you process for your group. (Required)

Purchasing Practices

10. What purchasing methods do you typically use? Check all that apply. (Required)

- Individual Purchase Order or Direct Payment
- Procurement Card
- Intermediate Purchase
- Formal Purchase
- Cross-departmental Procurement
- Other Agency Price Agreements or Cooperative Agreements

11. What types of products and/or services do you purchase?
Check all that apply. (Required)

- Construction services and supplies
- Furniture and office accessories (lamps, etc.)
- Health and Human Services
- IT-related items (hardware, software, printers, etc)
- Janitorial supplies (cleaning supplies, paper, tissue)
- Medical Supplies
- Non-professional or trade services (plumbing, lawn service)
- Office Supplies (paper, pens, etc.)
- Professional services (consulting, training, counseling)
- Other

Decision Making

12. Which of the following attributes influence your purchase decisions and by how much?

	Little to no influence.	Some influence.	Fairly important/influential.	Very important / influential.
Durability and re-use potential				
Material content (virgin content, recycled materials)				
Product performance				
Product source (locally made/distributed; American made)				
Purchase price				
Resource conservation (energy, water)				
Social equity (Minority-owned, Woman-owned, Emerging Small Business (MWESB); fair trade; fair labor; community engagement)				
Third party certifications (Energy Star, Ecologo)				
Total Cost of Ownership				
Toxics reduction				

13. Have you ever purchased a product or service from any of the following types of businesses? Check all that apply.

- Minority-owned business
- Woman-owned business
- Emerging small business
- Disadvantaged small business
- NA

14. Please indicate how familiar you are with these third-party certifications (eco-labels).

	I have not heard of it.	I have heard of it, but am not familiar with it.	I am familiar with it.	I look for and purchase products with this certification.
American Society for Testing and Material (ASTM)				
EcoLogo				
Energy Star				
EPEAT				
Forest Stewardship Council				
Greenguard				
Green Seal				
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)				
Scientific Certification Systems (SCS)				

Defining Sustainability

15. How would you define "sustainability"?

16. What does "sustainable purchasing" mean to you?

Barriers and Resources

17. Which of the following are barriers to purchasing more sustainable products or services? Check all that apply.

Lack of information about what makes a product or service more sustainable.

Lack of information about where to find sustainable alternatives.

Lack of organizational interest.

Lack of organizational support.

Price

Product performance

Time pressures on the procurement process.

There are no barriers.

I do not wish to purchase sustainable alternatives.

Other. Please elaborate.

18. What kinds of resources would help you buy more sustainable products and services? Check all that apply.

One on one support and coaching.

One-page fact sheets stored on the MINT.

Case studies and overview materials stored on the MINT.

Other helpful web sites.

Sample bid specs for certain products.

Sample solicitation language.

Workshops and training.

Other. Please elaborate.

Policies

19. Which if any of the following Multnomah County sustainability policies are you familiar with?

	I have not heard of it.	I've heard of it, but I am not familiar with it.	I am familiar with it.
Green Cleaning Policy			
Climate Action Plan			
LEED Gold and High Performance Green Building Policy			
Policy on Paper and Paint Purchasing			
Recycling Goals and Waste Prevention Plans			
Sustainable Purchasing Policy			
Toxics Reduction Policy			

Please tell us a little about yourself, if you don't mind

20. Please tell us a little about yourself, if you don't mind. (This survey is anonymous.)

What is your age?

- under 25
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 64
- 65+

21. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Other/Transgender

22. Outside of work, how often do you engage in the following activities?

	Regularly	As often as I can.	Occasionally	Never	NA
Buy Green cleaning products					
Buy organic milk over non-organic milk					
Buy organic produce					
Buy products made with recycled content					
Commute by bicycle					
Commute by public transport					
Compost your food scraps					
Compost your yard waste					
Make your own cleaning products					
Prefer Fair Trade or shade grown coffee					
Prefer products with recyclable packaging					
Recycling					
Use reusable containers for lunch					
Use reusable shopping bags					
Use a reusable water bottle					

Questions or Suggestions?

23. Further comments or suggestions? Please provide it here.

This survey is anonymous, but if you would like to be contacted about your responses or would like to provide more feedback, please supply your name and email here.