

Sustainable Purchasing Policy

The Middle Country Public Library strives to be a responsible steward of its resources, including decreasing its impact on the environment. Sustainable purchasing attempts to identify and reduce environmental impact and to maximize resource efficiency.

Toward that end, the Library shall, wherever practicable and efficient, apply sustainable and environmentally sound procurement practices in purchasing supplies and equipment for the Library. Library staff will take the following factors into consideration when making purchases requests, although this is not an exhaustive list:

- Recyclability of the items
- Amount of post-consumer recycled content in the items and packaging
- Disposal of items such as batteries and hardware
- Transportation distances and impacts for delivery of the items
- Ability for an item to be repaired or repurposed rather than re-purchasing
- The environmentally friendly practices of the vendors under consideration

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the Library from considering a product or vendor that is more suitable for the intended use and/or available at a more competitive price that does not meet these aspirational standards. This policy does not attempt to supersede the policies set forth in the Library's approved Procurement Policy, it is meant to provide additional considerations for purchasing decisions that conform to the Procurement Policy.

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