



Key Sustainable Purchasing Survey Questions - Employees

Decision Making

When choosing between different brands of the same product, which of the following influence your decision? Check all that apply.

- Purchase price
- Cost of ownership
- Durability
- Performance
- Resource use (water, energy, etc)
- Material Content (virgin content, recycled materials, etc)
- Third-Party Certification (eg Energy Star, ASTM, etc)
- Local vendor and/or product
- NA

How often do the following characteristics influence your purchasing decisions?

Always Very Frequently Occasionally Never Not Applicable

- Resource Conservation
- Material Content
- Third Party Certifications
- Toxics Reduction
- Place of Origin
- Social Equity (eg Human Rights, or Fair Trade)

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
- I don't know

With regard to your business with the County, please indicate how familiar you are with these third-party certifications (eco-labels).

- Green Seal
- LEED
- Energy Star
- EPEAT
- EcoLogo

- Forest Stewardship Council
- Greenguard
- Scientific Certification Systems (SCS)
- American Society for Testing and Material (ATSM)

Barriers and Resources

Which of the following are barriers to purchasing more sustainable products or services?

- Price
- Performance
- Lack of information about what makes a product or service more sustainable
- Lack of information about where to find sustainable alternatives
- There are no barriers
- Lack of organizational interest
- Lack of organizational support
- Time pressures on the purchasing process
- I do not wish to purchase more sustainable alternatives
- Other - please elaborate

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

- Workshops on sustainable purchasing
- One on one support and coaching
- Tip sheets
- Information on where to find sustainable products
- Criteria to select more sustainable alternatives
- Providing language to include in solicitations
- Other - please elaborate

Policies

In 2005 Multnomah County adopted a Green Cleaning Policy. Are you familiar with this initiative?

- Yes, I am familiar with it
- I've heard of it, but I know very little about it
- I've heard of it, but don't know anything about it
- I've never heard of it

Are you familiar with the County's Sustainability Principles?

- Yes, I am familiar with it
- I've heard of it, but I know very little about it
- I've heard of it, but don't know anything about it
- I've never heard of it

Demographic information:

We included a section to gather demographics and personal sustainability knowledge.

How would you define "sustainability"?

What does "sustainable purchasing" mean to you?

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

As often as I can Occasionally Never Not applicable

- Recycling
- Compost your yard waste
- Compost your food scraps
- Commute by bicycle
- Commute by public transport
- Use a reusable water bottle
- Buy organic milk over non-organic milk
- Prefer Fair Trade or shade grown coffee
- Use reusable shopping bags
- Use reusable containers for lunch
- Buy "Green" cleaning products
- Make your own cleaning products
- Buy organic produce
- Prefer products with recyclable packaging
- Buy products made with recycled content