

Government Purchasers Save the World

The Greening of Government Purchasing

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Link Between Purchasing and the Environment

It's All Connected to Purchasing

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Green is Suddenly Everywhere



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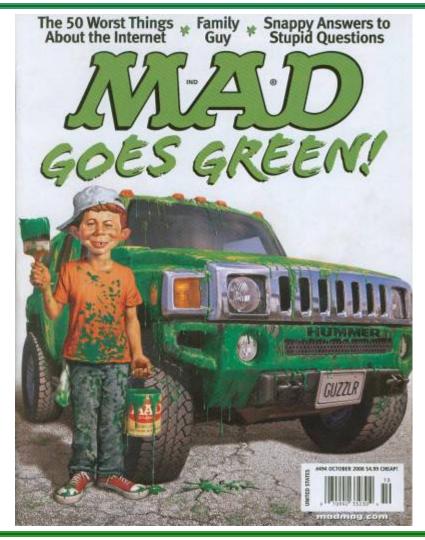
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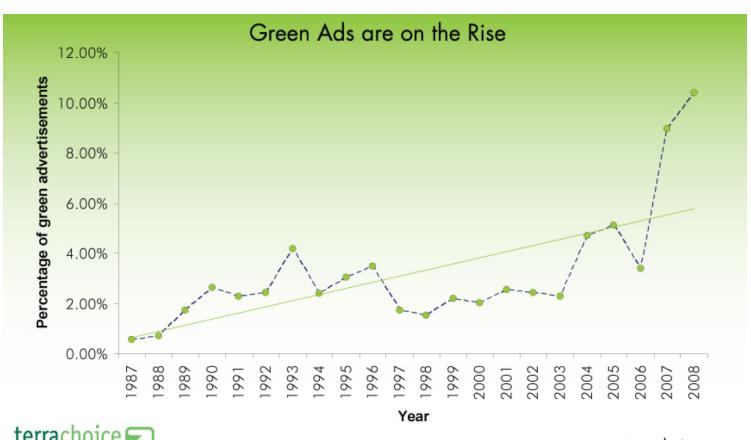
EcoLogo...And Mad Magazine







Growth of Green Advertising





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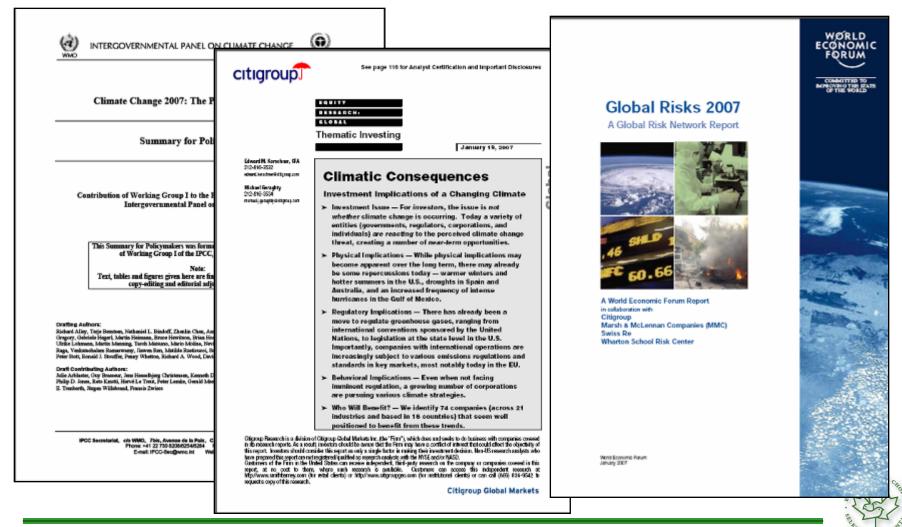
O_™ Environmental Concerns

- Mass extinctions
- Deforestation & soil erosion
- Air & water pollution
- "Super" bacteria, viruses, and insects
- Dwindling natural resources
- Cancer rates increasing
- Reproductive disorders increasing
- Fisheries collapsing
- Water tables falling
- Climate Change





Warnings





EcoLogo Consuming the Environment

"The major cause of the continued deterioration of the global environment is the unsustainable pattern of production and consumption, particularly in industrialized countries."

United Nations Agenda 21 Report





2002 World Summit

Emphasized the need for authorities to "[p]romote public procurement policies that encourage development and diffusion of environmentally sound goods and services."

- 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg





Two Cups of Coffee a Day

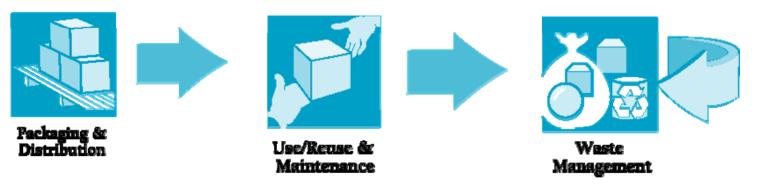
- •34 gallons of coffee a year.
- 18 pounds of coffee beans
- 12 pounds of fertilizer
- A few ounces of highly toxic pesticides
- •43 pounds of coffee pulp
- Clear cutting of forests to grow even more coffee
- Bird species disappearing
- More erosion
- More pesticides





Lifecycle Perspective









Resource Consumption

•One ton of virgin paper requires 98 tons of resources to produce.

• A single 1/10 ounce, 14-carat gold ring requires 2.8 tons of ore





Typical Desktop Computer

- Manufacturing a typical desktop computer creates 139pounds of waste and 49 pounds of hazardous materials.
- Producing the six-inch silicon wafer from which computer chips are cut generates 2,840 gallons of wastewater and 7 pounds of hazardous waste.





EcoLogo Remember One Thing

Purchasing Matters!





Responsible Purchasing Primer

The Power of Government Purchasing

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Basic Premise #1

Every single purchase has hidden human health, environmental, and social impacts throughout the entire supply chain.





Basic Premise #2

Government purchasing is the most important force in the entire global economy.

- Government purchasing represents 20 percent of the annual Gross National Product.
- It is very structured.
- It influences others.





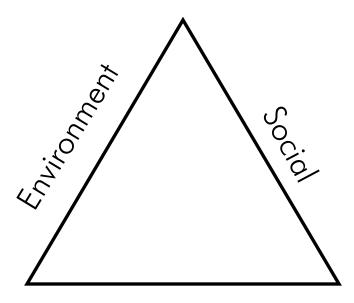
Government Purchasing History

- Clothing sizes during the U.S. Civil War
- Small Business Administration
- Automobile airbags
- Energy-efficient computers
- Recycled-content paper





Responsible Purchasing



Price, Performance, & Availability





Defining Responsible Purchasing

Responsible Purchasing Means:

Buying better products and services from better companies.





Wal-Mart's Goals



To be supplied 100% by renewable energy

- Existing stores 20% more efficient in 7 years
- New stores 30% more efficient in 4 years
- Fleet 25% more efficient in 3 years, double in 10 years



To create zero waste

- 25% reduction in solid waste in 3 years
- All private brand packaging improved in 2 years (right sized, reusable materials)



To sell products that sustain our resources & environment

- 20% supply base aligned in 3 years
- Preference given to aligned suppliers in 2 years
- Design and support Green Company in China



Green Purchasing Strategies How are Others Doing It?

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Green Purchasing Strategies

- Written Policies
- Cooperative Efforts
- Price Preferences
- Lifecycle Costing
- Best Value Purchasing
- Green Teams
- Vendor Outreach

- Approved Product Lists
- Eco-Labels
- •Incentive Programs
- Employee Training
- Plagiarize
- Pilot Projects
- Measure Results





Defining Green

Doesn't it Seem Like Everyone is Claiming to Be Green These Days?

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Environmental Claims are Growing

- Eco-safe
- Environmentally friendly
- Earth friendly
- Earth smart
- Environmentally saf
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- Practically non-toxic

- Made with non-toxic ingredients
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 - CFC-free
 - Ozone friendly
 - Recyclable





FTC Green Marketing Guidelines

FTC FACTS for Consumers

Sorting Out 'Green' Advertising Claims



focery shelves, handware stones, card shops, and other retail operations are filled with products and pockages atmouncing

environmental features that may influence your purchasing decisions. But when it comes to products and packaging, what do claims like "environmentally safe," "recyclable," "degradable" or "ozone friendly" really mean? The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) want you to know.

The FTC, in cooperation with the BPA, has developed guidelines for advertisers to ensure that their environmental marketing claims don't mislead consumers. Here are six tips to help you sort through environmental claims.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLAIMS SHOULD BE SPECIFIC.

When you evaluate environmental teliums in adventising and on product labels, lock for specific information. Determine whether the claims apply to the product, the packaging, or both. For example, if a label says "recycled," check how much of the product or package is necycled. The fair is that unless the product or package contains 100 percent recycled materials, the label must sell you how much is recycled.

Increasingly, labels on "recycled" products tell where the recycled material comes from, "Post-consumer" material comes from previously used business or

Available at:

www.ftc.gov







Seven "Sins" of Greenwashing

- <u>Sin of Fibbing</u> Misleading customers about the actual environmental performance of their products.
- <u>Sin of No Proof</u> Also known as the sin of "just trust us," some manufacturers are unable to provide proof of their environmental claims.
- <u>Sin of Irrelevance</u> Factually correct, but irrelevant, environmental assessments (e.g., "CFC-free")
- <u>Sin of the Hidden Trade-Off</u> Focusing on one or two environmental facts, but ignoring other significantly more important environmental concerns.





Seven "Sins" of Greenwashing

- <u>Sin of Vagueness</u> Broad, poorly defined environmental claims (e.g., "100 percent natural")
- <u>Sin of Lesser of Two Evils</u> A product can be the most environmentally preferable product in its class, but still be an inappropriate choice (e.g., "organic cigarettes")
- Worshipping false labels a product that through words or images gives the impression of third-party endorsement where no such endorsement actually exists; fake labels, in other words.

The Seven Sins of Greenwashing report, released 4/15/09, is available at <www.sinsofgreenwashing.org>





To Avoid Greenwashing...

The environmental standards most widely recognized by green purchasers:



<www.ecologo.org>

- •Founded 1988
- 100 standards
- •6,500 certified products



<www.energystar.gov>

- •Founded 1992
- •50 standards
- "Thousands and thousands" of registered products



<www.greenseal.org>

- •Founded 1989
- •30 standards
- •3,650 certified products



EcoLogo Overview

- Founded in 1988 by Environment Canada
- Managed by TerraChoice since 1995
- Developed 100 EcoLogo standards
- Certified more than 7,500 products
- Respected as North America's largest, most established environmental standard and certification program



Ecologo Lots of Labels Around

A <u>partial</u> list of labels currently being used:

- •Blue Angel
- CFPA
- CPG
- DfE
- Eco Mark
- EcoLogo
- Ecomark
- Eco-OK
- Energy Star
- Environmental Choice

- EPEAT
- EU Flower
- Fair Trade
- FSC
- GBI
- •Good Green Buy
- Green Label
- •Green Seal
- GREENGUARD
- Greenstar

- LEED
- •MSC
- Nordic Swan
- Process Chlorine Free
- •SCS
- SFI
- •TCO
- Totally Chlorine Free
- •USDA-Organic
- WaterSense

EcoLogo Comparing Eco-Labels

WARNING:

Not All Environmental Claims Are Created Equal

Learn to ask about:

- Validity of the standard
- Standard setting process
- Verification process





Recommended Contract Language

- "Products purchased under this contract must provide demonstrable proof of meeting the _____ standard. The _____ standard is available at < _____ >."
- "Products purchased under this contract must provide demonstrable proof of meeting the Energy Star standard. The Energy Star standard is available at <www.energystar.gov>."
- "Products purchased under this contract must provide demonstrable proof of meeting the EPEAT standard. The EPEAT standard is available at <www.epeat.net>."





Recommended Contract Language

"Products purchased under this contract must be _____Ecologo field or provide demonstrable proof of meeting the Ecologo standard and certification requirements. The _Ecologo standard and certification requirements are available at < >www.ecologo.org





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Popular Labels

- Chlorine Free Products Association < www.chlorinefreeproducts.org >
- EcoLogo (Environmental Choice) <www.ecologo.org>
- Energy Star <www.energystar.gov/purchasing>
- EPEAT < www.epeat.net>
- Forest Stewardship Council <www.fsc.org>
- •Green-e <www.green-e.org>
- Green Guard <www.greenguard.org>
- Green Seal <www.greenseal.org>
- Green Building Council (LEED) <www.usgbc.org/leed>
- •Scientific Certification Systems <www.scscertified.com>
- •TCO <www.tcodevelopment.com>
- Water Sense <www.epa.gov/watersense>





Best Advice

If a supplier is making a public claim, ask for public proof.







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