

Recycling and Waste Reduction

Measure 46 – Government Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program 10 Points

Implement environmentally preferable purchasing program that accounts for life cycle costs and gives preference to products that are recycled, recyclable and otherwise more environmentally friendly than traditional products.

Description

On August 26, 2008, the Cobb County Board of Commissioners approved two companion policies:

1. *Policy Establishing the Cobb County Government's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program, and*
2. *Cobb County Purchasing Policy Use of Life Cycle Cost Analysis in Procurement.*

This program was established with information from such sources as the NACO Green Government Initiative website and the U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchasing Alliance.

On February 24, 2009, the Board approved Addendum 1.0 to the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program. The addendum included requirements and guidelines for specifying purchase of energy efficient and EnergyStar® rated equipment and appliances. It also reinforced the use of the Life Cycle Cost Analysis to document benefits of energy efficiency products with higher first cost products.

These policies and guidelines have been published and distributed to County staff and are available on the County's intranet Purchasing Department employee information site.

Documentation:

The following documentation is enclosed with this application:

- Cobb County's "Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy, including Addendum 1.0.
- Cobb County's purchasing policy on the Use of Life Cycle Cost Analysis in Procurements.