



# Purchasing Environmentally Preferable Products (EPPs)

## What are Environmentally Preferable Products (EPPs)?

EPPs are defined as items that have a reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose. EPPs may include, products that contain recycled content, minimize waste, conserve energy or water, protect natural resources, and reduce the use and release of toxic chemicals. EPPs also offer human health and economic benefits such as reduced worker illness, improvements in public health and decreased costs associated with waste management and regulatory compliance.

## Why should my business buy EPPs?

An increasing number of businesses, government agencies and households are purchasing environmentally preferable products and services to protect their health and provide a safer, less toxic workplace, potentially reduce the amount of regulation they are subjected to, reduce liabilities, and protect the environment. Customers may also consider it a "plus" when choosing where they spend their money.

## What types of EPP products or services are available?

Due to consumer demand, there are a growing number of products and services that have environmental benefits without sacrificing high performance or cost competitiveness. A list of suppliers is included with this fact sheet. Please note that the list is not comprehensive and does not constitute an endorsement by the State of Connecticut. You can also ask your suppliers or check the Internet for additional products.

## Best Management Practices

- ★ Purchase the largest practical container, but don't purchase more than you need. Purchase frequently used products in bulk (e.g., oil, antifreeze) to reduce packaging waste.
- ★ Purchase the least toxic product available. Check the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for products you purchase. If the product is toxic, ask your supplier for alternatives.
- ★ If you do have excess or unneeded materials, see if your supplier can take them back.
- ★ Include the cost of disposal when you make purchasing decisions. What looks like the cheaper option may cost more because of disposal or other management costs.

- ★ Store materials in a way that keeps them from being damaged.
- ★ Use the oldest items first (first-in, first-out).
- ★ Purchase products made with recycled content to close the recycling loop (i.e., create a market for the products you recycle). The quality of these products is just as good as those made with virgin materials and prices are competitive.

## Pollution Prevention Checklist

- ✓ Do you look for and purchase alternatives to less toxic products? YES NO N/A



### Did You Know?

The United States consumes approximately 25% of the world's resources with only 5% of the world's population?

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## Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

### Disclaimer

The following is a list of suppliers the CT-DEP and/or the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) are aware of that supply environmentally preferable products or services. It is not a comprehensive listing. Nor does a listing in this directory represent an endorsement by the State of Connecticut. Listings are subject to change, so please contact the company for current information.

Company	Phone & Fax	Web Site
<b>Carey Wiping Materials Corp.</b> Cloth and paper wipers, environmental spill products	Phone: 860-224-2459 Fax: 860-229-7870	<a href="http://www.careywiping.com">www.careywiping.com</a>
<b>Chem Station New England</b> Water-based detergents and cleaners, less hazardous parts washing systems	Phone: 860-291-2863 Fax: 860-291-2864	<a href="http://www.chemstation.com">www.chemstation.com</a>
<b>Clayton Associates, Inc.</b> Automotive brake cleaning equipment and HEPA-Filter vacuum sanding equipment	Toll Free: 1-800-248-8650 Phone: 732-363-2100 Fax: 732-364-6084	<a href="http://www.jclayton.com">www.jclayton.com</a>
<b>Connecticut Cleaning &amp; Heating Equipment</b> Aqueous automatic parts washers and waste oil furnaces and boilers	Phone: 1-800-727-3295 Fax: 860-658-5765	
<b>Dawg, Inc.</b> Recycled absorbent sacks, pillowcases, pads	Phone: 1-800-YEL-DAWG (935-3294) Fax: 1-800-LIL-PAWS (545-7297)	<a href="http://www.dawginc.com">www.dawginc.com</a>
<b>Hubbard Hall Service</b> Less hazardous parts washing systems	Phone: 203-756-5521 Fax: 203-756-9017	<a href="http://www.hubbardhall.com">www.hubbardhall.com</a>
<b>New Pig</b> Absorbent mats, socks, pillows, wipers and rags	Phone: 800-HOT-HOGS (468-4647)	<a href="http://www.newpig.com">www.newpig.com</a>
<b>Northeast Industrial Flooring</b> Chemical resistant coatings for floors, concrete repair and sealing	Phone: 860-292-5920 Fax: 860-292-5922	
<b>Northeast Lamp Recycling</b> Fluorescent lamp recycling <i>Call DEP at 860/424-3297 for other resources</i>	Phone: 888-657-5267	<a href="http://www.nlrlamp.com">www.nlrlamp.com</a>
<b>Oban East Coast Division, LLC</b> (formerly Odorgone of CT) Updated 11/2009 Non-chemical odor control additive for use with washing systems and gray water tanks	94 Oswegatchie Hills Rd Niantic, CT 06357 Toll free: 866-636-7466	<a href="http://www.obansales.com">http://www.obansales.com</a>
<b>Pastanch</b> Recycled content traffic control devices and traffic safety cones	Phone: 203-720-9478 Fax: 203-720-9489	

<b>Company</b>	<b>Phone &amp; Fax</b>	<b>Web Site</b>
<b>Safety Kleen</b> Less hazardous parts washing systems, antifreeze recycling service vendor, recycled parts washing solvents, re-refined oil	Phone: 860-953-4222 Fax: 860-953-8608	<a href="http://www.safetykleen.com">www.safetykleen.com</a>
<b>Seda Environmental Equipment</b> Vehicle fluid draining systems	Phone: 727-545-8879	
<b>Speedway Distributors</b> Antifreeze recycling systems and vehicle fluid draining equipment	Phone: 800-356-9966 Fax: 401-438-8534	
<b>System One</b> Recycling cleaning systems	Toll Free: 1-800-711-1414 Phone: 305-593-8015 Fax: 305-593-8016	<a href="http://www.systemonetechnologies.com">www.systemonetechnologies.com</a>
<b>United Laboratories</b> Less hazardous parts washing systems	Phone: 800-323-2594 Fax: 630-443-2087	<a href="http://www.bearthsmart.com">www.bearthsmart.com</a>
<b>ZEP Manufacturing</b> Aqueous spray cabinets and other cleaning products	Phone: 877-428-9937	<a href="http://www.zepmfg.com">www.zepmfg.com</a>
<b>Zymol</b> All-natural car care products-wax, wash, glaze	Phone: 203-484-1622	

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) also has **Vehicle Service and Repair Equipment and Supplies Directory** database on line. You can search for environmentally preferable products alphabetically or by category, keyword, or state.

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