



Green Challenges Program

October — Environmentally Friendly Purchasing

Buy Eco-Friendly Products

Green Purchasing Policies can make a huge difference—Gunnison County is a large consumer of goods and services and the decisions of our employees can positively or negatively affect the environment. By including environmental considerations in your procurement decisions, along with the County’s traditional concerns with price, performance and availability, you will remain fiscally responsible while promoting practices that improve public health and safety, reduce pollution, and conserve natural resources. When ordering anything for County use, try to purchase products that minimize environmental impacts to the greatest extent practicable. Purchase products that include recycled content, are durable and long-lasting, conserve energy and water, use agricultural fibers and residues, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, use unbleached or chlorine free manufacturing processes, and use wood from sustainable harvested forests.

Isn't it worth a few minutes time?

You might win \$50 bucks!

Ruth Dukeman took a few minutes in September to share her “green ideas”.

Now she is \$50 richer! Ruth, come pick up your money from Ben.

In November, the Green Team will meet to discuss all of the ideas we have gotten so far this year through the Green Team Challenge. We will advertise the date and time. You are welcome to come to the meeting and further expand on your ideas.

“GREEN” PURCHASING

In evaluating a product before you purchase, consider total costs expected during the entire time a product is to be used including ;

- ACQUISITION COSTS
 - EXTENDED WARRANTY COSTS
 - OPERATION COSTS
 - COST OF SUPPLIES
 - MAINTENANCE COSTS
 - DISPOSAL COSTS
 - EXPECTED LIFETIME OF A PRODUCT
- as compared to other alternatives.

Get a product that is:

- DURABLE
- LONG LASTING
- REUSABLE
- REFILLABLE

All suppliers should be required, where possible, to use and recycle packaging material used for product delivery.

In order to become eligible for this month's \$50 drawing, send an email to the Green Team GTeam@gunnisoncounty.org by November 10th.

Give us a creative idea on how to develop a guide for County employees to use when making a purchase. It should give comparable values to assign to price, environmental impact, performance, sustainability, availability and support to local retailers, etc. and could be used when making County purchases to determine what is the best buy.



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