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Buy Recycled Policy

In recognition of the need to make more efficient use of our natural resources, create markets for the materials collected in recycling programs, reduce solid waste volume and disposal costs, and serve as a model for private and public institutions, the City/Town of Carlisle, general government, is committed to purchasing products which are environmentally preferable and/or made of recycled materials whenever such products meet quality requirements and are available at reasonable prices and terms.

To the maximum extent practicable, the following standards should be adhered to:

a) For all purchases of printing and writing paper for in-house use or custom printed materials by professional printers, including copier paper, offset paper, forms, stationary, envelopes, tablets, notepads and file folders, the minimum content standards shall be no less than 20% post-consumer recycled materials to meet the current state and federal minimum standards. This minimum standard may be increased to 30% beginning December 31, 1998, to match the scheduled increase in federal minimum standards.

b) Town departments shall ensure that all contracts for printing require the inclusion of an imprint identifying the recycled content of the paper whenever practicable, along with the recycling symbol.

c) For the purpose of measuring the progress of the program and success in meeting the recycling goals of the Commonwealth, each department shall report purchases of recycled products to the Town Administrator on July 30 for the previous fiscal year.

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