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Green cleaning - purchase of sustainable cleaning products and materials

EQc3.6 | Possible 1 point

Glossary

Intent

To reduce the environmental impacts of cleaning products, disposable janitorial paper products and trash bags.

Requirements

Implement sustainable purchasing for cleaning materials and products, disposable janitorial paper products and trash bags. Cleaning product and material purchases include items used by in-house staff or outsourced service providers. One point is awarded for each 30% of the total annual purchases of these products (by cost) that meet at least one of the following sustainability criteria:

- The cleaning products meet one or more of the following standards for the appropriate category:
  - Green Seal GS-37, for general-purpose, bathroom, glass and carpet cleaners used for industrial and institutional purposes.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-110, for cleaning and degreasing compounds.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-146, for hard surface cleaners.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-148, for carpet and upholstery care.
- Disinfectants, metal polish, floor finishes, strippers or other products not addressed by the above standards meet one or more of the following standards for the appropriate category:
  - Green Seal GS-40, for industrial and institutional floor care products.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-112, for digestion additives for cleaning and odor control.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-113, for drain or grease traps additives.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-115, for odor control additives.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-147, for hard floor care.
  - California Code of Regulations maximum allowable VOC levels for the specific product category.
- Disposable janitorial paper products and trash bags meet the minimum requirements of one or more of the following programs for the applicable product category:
  - U.S. EPA Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines for Janitorial Paper and Plastic Trash Can Liners.
  - Green Seal GS-09, for paper towels and napkins.
  - Green Seal GS-01, for tissue paper.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-082, for toilet tissue.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-086, for hand towels.
  - Janitorial paper products derived from rapidly renewable resources or made from tree-free fibers.
- Hand soaps meet one or more of the following standards:
  - No antimicrobial agents (other than as a preservative) except where required by health codes and other regulations (i.e., food service and health care requirements).
  - Green Seal GS-41, for industrial and institutional hand cleaners.
  - Environmental Choice CCD-104, for hand cleaners and hand soaps.

The materials and products described above must be purchased during the performance period to earn points in this credit.