EPA’s designated products in eight categories:

**Construction Products**
- Building insulation products
- Carpet
- Carpet cushion
- Cement and concrete containing:
  - Coal fly ash
  - Ground granulated blast furnace slag
  - Cenospheres
  - Silica fume
- Consolidated and reprocessed latex paint
- Floor tiles
- Flowable fill
- Laminated paperboard
- Modular threshold ramps
- Nonpressure pipe
- Patio blocks
- Railroad grade crossing surfaces
- Roofing materials
- Shower and restroom dividers/partitions
- Structural fiberboard

**Landscaping Products**
- Compost made from yard trimmings or food waste
- Garden and soaker hoses
- Hydraulic mulch
- Lawn and garden edging
- Plastic lumber landscaping timbers and posts

**Nonpaper Office Products**
- Binders, clipboards, file folders, clip portfolios, and presentation folders
- Office furniture
- Office recycling containers
- Office waste receptacles
- Plastic desktop accessories
- Plastic envelopes
- Plastic trash bags
- Printer ribbon
- Toner cartridges

**Paper and Paper Products**
- Commercial/industrial sanitary tissue products
- Miscellaneous papers
- Newsprint
- Paperboard and packaging products
- Printing and writing papers

**Park and Recreational Products**
- Park benches and picnic tables
- Plastic fencing
- Playground equipment
- Playground surfaces
- Running tracks

**Transportation Products**
- Channelizers
- Delineators
- Flexible delineators
- Parking stops
- Traffic barricades
- Traffic cones

**Vehicular Products**
- Engine coolants
- Rebuilt vehicular parts
- Re-refined lubricating oils
- Retread tires

**Miscellaneous Products**
- Awards and plaques
- Bike racks
- Blasting grit
- Industrial drums
- Manual-grade strapping
- Mats
- Pallets
- Signage
- Sorbents
**Material Safety Data Sheet**

A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is required for the purchase of chemicals or products containing chemicals.

MSDSs contain information about:
- Product identification
- Health hazard data
- Reactivity data
- Hazardous ingredients
- Spill and leak procedures
- Physical data
- Protection information
- Fire and explosion data

**All purchases of chemicals or products that contain chemicals require a current, locally-assigned MSDS number.**

**Examples:**
- Fantastick All Purpose Cleaner - MSDS # 0137
- Bleach - MSDS # 4186
- Superblue Petroleum Oil - MSDS # 1199
- Nitric Acid - MSDS # 1446

SSC-approved MSDSs can be accessed and viewed through the SSC Technical Documentation (Tech Doc) System.

**Note:** MSDSs are manufacturer-specific.

If the MSDS for the product you want to buy is not in the Tech Doc System, the MSDS must be submitted to the FOSC Environmental Services office for review. If approved, a SSC MSDS number will be assigned and the MSDS will be uploaded to the Tech Doc System. The purchase requester will be notified of the assigned MSDS number by phone or e-mail. If the product is not approved for use at SSC, the Requester will be notified by the FOSC Environmental Services office.

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**Affirmative Procurement**

The EPA, through its “Affirmative Procurement” program and Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG), designates items that MUST contain recycled material content when purchased by federal, state, and local agencies, or by government contractors using appropriated federal funds. Both the FAR and NPR 8530.1A require that Government purchases of EPA-designated items contain the specified amount of recovered materials unless a request for waiver has been processed.

EPA maintains the list of these products and resources in its Comprehensive Procurement Guideline which can be accessed at:

http://www.epa.gov/cpg

GSA Federal Supply Service also has a catalog with products made with recycled materials: Environmental Products and Services Guide

**Affirmative Procurement Waivers**

An EPA-designated item may be purchased WITHOUT recycled material content if any of the following apply:

- Procurement of the recycled content item would result in inadequate competition
- Products meeting the recycled content requirements have an unreasonable price
- The recycled content item does not meet quality/performance specifications
- The recycled content item is not available within reasonable timeframe

A waiver form (SSC-747), which is available on the SSC electronic form index, must be completed by the purchase requester and signed by the NASA Environmental Officer before EPA-designated items that do not meet recycled content requirements can be purchased.

If a request is submitted for purchase of an Affirmative Procurement item but the Buyer cannot locate the item (i.e., too costly, time delays, etc.), the request will be returned to the originator. The Requester must complete the waiver form and submit it to the NASA Environmental Office for signature and waiver number. The purchase request and the signed waiver must be returned to the Procurement Office for the procurement to proceed.