Procurement of Recycled Paper
and other Recycled Materials

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Overview

This report describes Montgomery County’s efforts to purchase goods containing recycled materials during Fiscal Year 2017. The report includes a summary of the required County Code submissions and charts representing purchases of recycled paper, paper products and recycled materials.

The summary includes the following information:

(1) The dollar value of recycled products purchased,
(2) The dollar value of recycled and non-recycled paper purchased,
(3) Any other relevant information.

The chart presents the following information on the County’s recycled paper efforts:

(A) Purchase of recycled paper by recycled content

The County’s Department of General Services separately issues an annual Energy and Sustainability report for County Operations.
Summary

The County Code Chapter 11B-56(e) requires the Director of the Office of Procurement, in consultation with the Director of the Department of Environmental Protection, to submit a report to the County Executive and to the County Council each year which describes the County’s efforts to purchase materials with recycled content. This report describes the County’s recycled effort for Fiscal Year 2017:

(1) The total dollar value of identified recycled products purchased during FY17 was $6,022,374 and included:

   (A) $4,500,000 for asphalt and bituminous concrete; bituminous concrete may consist of 25% recycled material;

   (B) $208,473 for recycled paper;

   (C) $440,299 for recycled office supplies purchased through the County’s LSBRP contract with Benjamin Office Supplies;

   (D) $827,071 for plastic recycling bins/carts, and having a recycled content from 25% up to 50%; and

   (E) $46,531 for record storage boxes having a recycled content from 10% up to 26%.

(2) The dollar value of recycled paper and paper products purchased in FY17 was $208,473. The dollar value of recycled paper purchased with:

   (A) 75% or more recycled content was $0 of the total;

   (B) between 51% and 75% recycled content was $0 of the total;

   (C) between 25% and 50% recycled content was $205,527 or 99% of the total; and

   (D) less than 25% recycled content was $2,946 or 1% of the total.

Recycled paper products purchased included forms, envelopes, tabloids, brochures, tickets, parking stickers, mailers, bond paper, boxes, computer paper, maps, business cards, and various printing papers.
The dollar value of non-recycled paper and paper products purchased in FY17 was $127,937.23.

(3) Any other relevant information:

(A) The County executed a contract with N&S Rentals, Inc. for environmentally and pet friendly ice melt materials;

(B) The County executed a contract with the Montgomery County Green Bank Corporation to provide a comprehensive package of programs to leverage investment in clean energy and energy efficiency technologies;

(C) This office will continue to participate in the Council of Governments (COG), Interagency Procurement Coordinating Committee (IPCC) and Maryland Public Purchasing Association (MPPA). We will continue collaborating with other regional jurisdictions on trends and best practices related to recycling and environmentally friendly products; and

(D) Include in future contracts, where appropriate, environmentally friendly specifications/services like the FY17 inclusion of green cleaning supplies and materials, including Green Seal GS-37 and GS-40 standards.
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Paper Purchases in FY17 by Recycled Content

- More than 75% Recycled, 0.00, < 1%
- Less than 25% Recycled, $2,946, 1%
- 25% to 50% Recycled, $205,527, 99%