

Third Party Certification: Eco Labels

Information on Standards for Green Products and Services: EPA guidance on certification and standards for environmentally preferable products and services.

<http://www.epa.gov/epp/pubs/guidance/standards.htm>

EcoLabels – Making Environmental Purchasing Easier? Article by Scot Case Director of EcoLogo. <http://www.uscommunities.org/gpa/lib/pdf/resources/green/EcoLabelsJune2004.pdf>

Certifying Agencies



Green Seal

This U.S. non-profit sets environmental standards for products and awards a seal of approval to those products meeting their standards.

<http://www.greenseal.org/certification/environmental.cfm> Green Seal Environmental Standards

Certifications:

- [Alternative Fueled Vehicles \(GC-2\)](#)
- [Degreasing Agents in Production and Maintenance Operations \(GS-34\)](#)
- [Commercial & Institutional Cleaning Services \(GS-42\)](#)
- [Consumer Soaps, Cleansers, and Shower Products \(GS-44\) \(In development\)](#)
- [Coated Printing Paper \(GS-10\)](#)
- [Commercial Adhesives \(GS-36\)](#)
- [Electric Chillers \(GS-31\)](#)
- [Energy Efficient Lighting - Compact Fluorescent Lamps \(GS-5\)](#)
- [Fleet Vehicle Maintenance Operations \(GC-10\)](#)
- [Food Service Packaging \(GS-35\)](#)
- [General-Purpose, Bathroom, Glass, and Carpet Cleaners Used For Household Purposes \(GS-8\)](#)
- [Industrial and Institutional Cleaners \(GS-37\)*](#)
- [Hand Cleaners and Hand Soaps Used for Industrial & Institutional Hand Purposes \(GS-41\)](#)
- [Industrial & Institutional Floor Finishes and Floor Finish Strippers \(GS-40\)](#)
- [Laundry Care Products \(GS-48\) \(In development\)](#)
- [Lodging Properties \(GS-33\)](#)
- [Newsprint \(GS-15\)](#)
- [Occupancy Sensors \(GC-12\)](#)
- [Paints and Coatings \(GS-11\)**](#)
- [Paper Products Used in the Preparation of Food \(GC-8\)](#)
- [Paper Towels and Paper Napkins \(GS-9\)](#)
- [Plastic Resin Film Bags \(GS-45\) \(In development\)](#)
- [Powdered Laundry Bleach \(GC-11\)](#)
- [Printing and Writing Paper \(GS-7\)](#)
- [Recycled Content Latex Paint \(GS-43\)](#)
- [Re-Refined Engine Oil \(GS-3\)](#)
- [Residential Cleaning Services \(GS-49\) \(In development\)](#)
- [Restaurants and Food Services \(GS-46\)](#)
- [Reusable Utility Bags \(GS-16\)](#)
- [Stains and Finishes \(GS-47\) \(In development\)](#)
- [Tissue Paper \(GS-1\)](#)
- [Windows \(GS-13\)](#)
- [Window Films \(GS-14\)](#)



EcoLogo[®] [Environmental Choice Program – Canada](#)

A Canadian Federal government program that is run by an independent company. They develop environmental standards for products and permit their ecologo to be used on products that meet their standards.

<http://www.ecologo.org/en/seeourcriteria/>

EcoLogo Product categories

- Automotive related products
- Building and Construction
- Consumer products
- Containers, packaging, sacks and bags
- Electricity products
- Events
- Fuels, lubricants and related products
- Hand Sanitizers
- Marine products
- Office furniture, equipment and business products
- Printing products and services
- Pulp and paper products
- Services



[Energy Star](#)

ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping us all save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices.

http://www.energystar.gov/ia/business/bulk_purchasing

Product categories

- commercial appliances
- commercial food service
- commercial heating & cooling
- construction products
- consumer electronics
- office products
- residential appliances
- residential heating & cooling
- residential lighting



[EPEAT - Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool](#)

EPEAT is a procurement tool to help institutional purchasers in the public and private sectors evaluate, compare and select desktop computers, notebooks and monitors based on their environmental attributes. EPEAT is operated by the Green Electronics Council.

<http://www.epeat.net/>



[LEED, U.S. Green Building Council](#)

Describes the process and requirements for evaluating the environmental performance of a building.
www.usgbc.org/leed/



Scientific Certification Systems (SCS)

The company's environmental section certifies manufacturers' environmental claims — biodegradability, recycled content, water efficiency and no-smog-producing-ingredients. SCS provides independent certification of environmental, sustainability, food quality and food purity claims. Over two decades, SCS has developed internationally recognized standards and certification programs aimed at spurring the highest level of environmental improvements, social accountability and product performance.

<http://www.scs-certified.com/products/>

SCS Eco Products:

Currently certified products include:

- office furniture systems components and seating
- building materials
- carpet and rug
- hard surface flooring
- paints
- finishes
- wood products
- cleaning products



INTERNATIONAL American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

ASTM is one of the largest voluntary standards development organizations in the world. ASTM develops standard test methods, specifications, practices, guides, classifications and terminology in 130 areas.

<http://www.astm.org/Standard/index.shtml> Search for standards



Chlorine Free Products Association

Certifies mills that produce chlorine free paper

http://chlorinefreeproducts.org/smmi_standards/CFPA-Printing-Writing-Standards.pdf Standards for Printing and Writing paper.

CFPA endorses in the following product areas:

- Copy Paper
- Envelopes
- Labels
- Premium Grade Paper
- Printing and offset paper
- Tissue paper products
- Pulp suppliers
- Pulp and paper distributors



Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

This is an international labeling program for forest products, which certifies that the product comes from a forest that meets internationally recognized standards.

http://www.fscus.org/standards_criteria/ FSC standards and criteria

FSC certifies:

- Pulp and Paper products and suppliers
- Wood and building products



GreenGuard

Indoor Air Quality certification programs

<http://www.greenguard.org/Default.aspx?tabid=14>

Certifies the following products:

- Air Filters
- Bedding
- Ceiling Systems
- Cleaning Products and Systems
- Coors
- Electrical Equipment
- Floor Finishes
- Flooring
- Formaldehyde Emissions Reduction Systems
- Furniture
- General Construction Material
- Insulation
- Paints and Coatings
- Surfacing Materials
- Textiles
- Visual Display Products
- Wall Finishing
- Window Treatments

GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified®

Product certification program for low emitting interior building materials, furnishings, and finish systems. All GREENGUARD Certified Products have been tested for their chemical emissions performance and can be found in the GREENGUARD Online Product Guide.

GREENGUARD Children & SchoolsSM

Product certification program for low-emitting interior building materials, furnishings, and finish systems used in educational, office and other sensitive environments. All GREENGUARD Children & SchoolsSM products have been tested for their chemical emissions performance according to CA 01350 and can be found in the GREENGUARD Online Product Guide.

GREENGUARD Building Construction

Building certification program for newly constructed multifamily and commercial properties that follow best practice guidelines for preventing mold during the design, construction and ongoing operations.