

RESOLUTION 2008R-432
By Benson and Gordon
Adopting an Environmental Purchasing Policy.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is committed to ensuring a healthy environment for its citizens, visitors and employees; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis can use its purchasing power to create a greater demand and awareness of high quality, environmentally friendly products at a reasonable price; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has passed resolutions related to green building and green cleaning standards and there exist State requirements for the purchasing of recycled products; and

Whereas, environmental considerations should be a part of normal purchasing decisions, consistent with standard practices such as safety, price, performance and availability; and
Whereas, the City's Operating Departments and the Purchasing Department have made strong efforts to reduce product impacts on the environment; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis Citizen's Environmental Advisory Committee worked in partnership with the Purchasing Department and City Departments in drafting the policy and hereby supports the draft language; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis Environmental Coordinating Team approved the draft policy at its August 19, 2008 meeting;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis: That the City will follow an Environmental Purchasing Policy.

Be It Further Resolved that the Purchasing Department shall disseminate to all City departments information on these guidelines, product specifications and available resources.

Be It Further Resolved that nothing contained in this resolution shall be construed with requiring products that do not perform adequately, or not available at a reasonable price in a reasonable amount of time.

Be It Further Resolved that the City extends its appreciation to the Minneapolis Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee for its assistance in crafting this policy.

Be It Further Resolved that this resolution is effective January 1, 2009 and that the Purchasing Department shall report regularly to the Environmental Coordinating Team as to progress/challenges, including environmental benefits, safety concerns and pricing issues, and the first such report shall be no later than December 31, 2009.

Adopted 10/10/2008.