

Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines

<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserve/tools/cpg/index.htm>

[Federal Procurement Updates](#)

The latest buy-recycled success stories and news items at the federal level.

[WasteWise](#)

EPA's partnership to help organizations eliminate costly municipal solid waste, benefiting their bottom line and the environment.

[Environmentally Preferable Purchasing](#)

EPA's program to encourage and assist federal agencies in purchasing environmentally preferable products and services.

The Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) program is part of EPA's continuing effort to promote the use of materials recovered from solid waste. Buying recycled-content products ensures that the materials collected in recycling programs will be used again in the manufacture of new products.

CPG Resources:

- [About CPG/RMAN](#) - describes the CPG program at a high level, and includes a [Glossary](#) and [Frequent Questions](#) about the program.
- [Background](#) - provides regulatory information about the CPG / RMAN process, including the first 5 CPG/RMAN Updates.
- [Products](#) - details the 8 CPG product categories, including all the specific products available, and provides 8 overview [Product Resource Guides](#) and a mechanism to [suggest a product](#).
- [Product Supplier Directory](#) - is an online, searchable database of available suppliers of products in the 8 CPG categories.

The CPG program is authorized by Congress under [Section 6002 \(PDF\)](#) (6 pp, 51 K, [about PDF](#)) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and [Executive Order 13423 \(PDF\)](#) (7 pp, 105K, [about PDF](#)). EPA is required to designate products that are or can be made with [recovered materials](#), and to recommend practices for buying these products. Once a product is designated, [procuring agencies](#) are required to purchase it with the highest recovered material content level practicable.

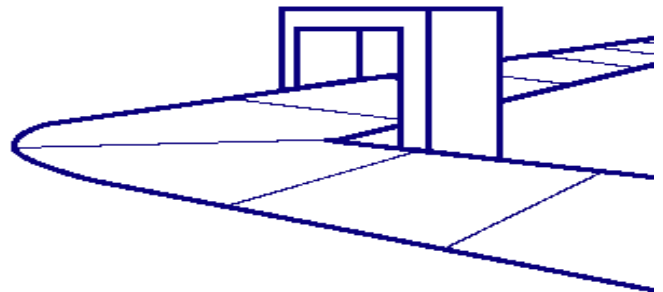
In 1995, EPA issued the first CPG which covered EPA's original 5 procurement guidelines and added 19 products. The first CPG update (CPG II), published in November of 1997, designated an additional 12 items. A second CPG update (CPG III), published in January 2000, designated an additional 18 items. A third CPG update (CPG IV), published in April 2004, designated an additional seven items and revised three existing item designations.

EPA also issues guidance on buying recycled-content products in Recovered Materials Advisory Notices (RMANs). The RMANs recommend recycled-content ranges for CPG products based on current information on commercially available recycled-content products. RMAN levels are updated as marketplace conditions change.

Products

A key component of the CPG program is EPA's list of designated products and the accompanying recycled-content recommendations. EPA has already designated or is proposing to designate the products listed below. They are grouped into eight categories:

- [Construction Products](#)
- [Landscaping Products](#)
- [Nonpaper Office Products](#)
- [Paper and Paper Products](#)
- [Park and Recreation Products](#)
- [Transportation Products](#)
- [Vehicular Products](#)
- [Miscellaneous Products](#)



EPA also published final or proposed recycled-content recommendations for each item. All proposals, designations, and recommendations are published in the *Federal Register*.

This Web site contains a brief description for each of the designated products listed below. You also can view EPA's recommended recycled-content ranges and access a [Supplier Directory](#) which includes manufacturers, vendors, and suppliers for each item.

Note: CPG products do not include biobased products. EPA's web site does not have information on them. Biobased products are designated by the US Department of Agriculture as a requirement of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act (2002 Farm Bill), Section 9002. Information can be found on the [USDA BioPreferred web site](#).

[Raw data](#) is available for the Consolidated Recovered Materials Advisory Notices (RMAN) for the Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG).

Construction Products

Designated: Building insulation products Carpet (polyester) 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	Proposed: Nylon carpet and nylon carpet backing
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Landscaping Products

Designated: Compost and fertilizer made from recovered organic materials Garden and soaker hoses Hydraulic mulch Lawn and garden edging Plastic lumber landscaping timbers and posts	Proposed: None at this time.
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Nonpaper Office Products

Designated: Binders, clipboards, file folders, clip portfolios, and presentation folders Office furniture Office recycling containers Office waste receptacles	Proposed: None at this time.
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[Plastic desktop accessories](#)
[Plastic envelopes](#)
[Plastic trash bags](#)
[Printer ribbons](#)
[Toner cartridges](#)

Paper and Paper Products

Designated:

[Commercial/industrial sanitary tissue products](#)
[Miscellaneous papers](#)
[Newsprint](#)
[Paperboard and packaging products](#)
[Printing and writing papers](#)

Proposed:

None at this time.

Park and Recreation Products

Designated:

[Park benches and picnic tables](#)
[Plastic fencing](#)
[Playground equipment](#)
[Playground surfaces](#)
[Running tracks](#)

Proposed:

None at this time.

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Transportation Products

Designated:

[Channelizers](#)
[Delineators](#)
[Flexible delineators](#)
[Parking stops](#)
[Traffic barricades](#)
[Traffic cones](#)

Proposed:

None at this time.

Vehicular Products

Designated:

[Engine coolants](#)
[Rebuilt vehicular parts](#)
[Re-refined lubricating oils](#)
[Retread tires](#)

Proposed:

None at this time.

Miscellaneous Products

Designated:

[Awards and plaques](#)
[Bike racks](#)
[Blasting grit](#)
[Industrial drums](#)
[Manual-grade strapping](#)
[Mats](#)
[Pallets](#)
[Signage](#)
[Sorbents](#)

Proposed:

None at this time.