California
Integrated Waste
Management Board

State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign

The State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign (SABRC) is a joint effort between the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) and the Department of General Services (DGS) to implement State law requiring State agencies and the Legislature to purchase recycled-content products (RCPs). It complements the efforts of the Integrated Waste Management Act (Public Resources Code 4000 et al), which was enacted to reduce the amount of waste going to California’s landfills.

In addition to purchasing RCPs, State agencies need to track their purchases in order to annually submit a report. Whether an agency tracks their procurement through its own procurement tracking device or with the spreadsheet (Microsoft Excel, 27 KB) developed by the CIWMB.

The benefits of buying RCPs: Buying RCPs helps State agencies and the Legislature attain their mandated goals outlined in the Public Contract Code (PCC 12153-12320). Further advantages also promoting businesses and sustaining our environment by way of creating jobs, improving markets for recycled products, reducing manufacturing waste and pollution, reducing energy consumption, and, finally, diverting waste from landfills.

Agencies can save money by purchasing RCPs since many RCPs are cost-competitive with their virgin counterparts. State government leaders understand the cost savings opportunities of buying RCPs and encourage all State agencies to patronize businesses that will assist them in meeting the State's mandates. Find out how State agencies are doing in meeting their recycled-content product purchase requirements.

The Local Assistance and Market Development Division of the CIWMB assists staff from all State agencies and the Legislature to establish practices for purchasing RCPs and other environmentally preferable products and helps State agencies meet the requirements of the SABRC.

For specific program requirements you can go directly to:

- SABRC Program Requirements
- Summary of Statutes and Administrative Memoranda

Helping State Agencies Buy Recycled-Content Products

There is help available to buy RCPs:

- Directory of SABRC Certified Recycled Content Products: The CIWMB has upgraded its RCP Directory to capture and present additional information specific to products that have been certified with compliant recycled content.
- Certifications: State agencies must require all suppliers to certify the postconsumer recycled-content of all products offered or sold to the State.
- Glossary: To review various definitions used within the State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign.
- Immediate Actions to Increase RCP Purchases: A step-by-step guide to locate and purchase RCP products.
- Calendar: Lists education, training, trade show opportunities and other events related to buying recycled. You can even submit your own events.
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Program Requirements

The State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign (SABRC) requires that every State department, board, commission, office, State universities, and the Legislature must:

- Require all suppliers certify the postconsumer recycled-content (PC) of their products that fall within the 11 reportable categories.
- Purchase products (Microsoft Word, 32 KB) that contain the minimum of PC materials.
- Attain recycled-content product (RCP) procurement mandates.
- Submit an annual report on dollars spent on products purchased in 11 reportable product categories. All products purchased, whether or not the products are RCPs, must be included in the annual report.

For additional information, see a summary of statutes that pertain SABRC.

SABRC requires that the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB):

- Make recommendations on revising the procurement policies of any agency that has not met the SABRC requirements.
- Every three years, make recommendations to the Legislature for changes necessary to increase the purchase of RCPs and improve SABRC program efficiency.

The CIWMB in partnership with the Department of General Services (DGS) can assist State agencies in meeting their SABRC goals as follows:

- Review purchasing policies and make recommendations for revisions to ensure RCP purchasing requirements are met.
- Assist State agencies in establishing RCP-only bids or cooperative purchasing arrangements, which encourages maximum state purchase of RCPs.
- Review and revise purchasing specifications used by State agencies in order to eliminate restrictive specifications and discrimination against the purchase of RCPs.

The SABRC also requires DGS to:

Submit a report to the CIWMB on or before October 31 of each year noting all the previous fiscal year statewide-used contracts, agreements, or schedules for both recycled and non-recycled-content products that fall into one of the SABRC product categories.

How Are We Doing? Find out how State agencies are doing in meeting their recycled-content purchase requirements.

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http://www.ciwb.ca.gov/BuyRecycled/StateAgency/

http://www.ciwb.ca.gov/BuyRecycled/StateAgency/Requires.htm

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