



## Sustainable Procurement Guide for Food Services



Federal agencies are required to purchase recycled content products designated under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines (CPG), biobased products designated under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's BioPreferred program, energy-efficient products designated under the EPA's EnergyStar program or the Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP), and water-efficient products designated under the EPA's Water Sense Program. Procurement of these sustainable products is required by statute, Executive Order, and Federal Acquisition Regulations, unless an exception applies. Information about documenting exceptions to these requirements is located in the Army Installation Green Procurement Program Implementation Guide.

In addition to buying sustainable products, the requirements for sustainable products and services must be incorporated into work statements and specifications (this includes recycled and biobased materials, energy- and water-efficient products, and other environmentally preferred products).

This checklist below is a guide to sustainable products that may be used in food services. This checklist is not inclusive. Visit <https://sftool.gov/GreenProcurement> for a comprehensive list. Purchasing information for these products is provided on the back of the Quick Guide.

### Food Serviceware

- Disposable food containers
- Disposable tableware and cutlery
- Paper products (napkins, paper towels)
- Paper tray liners

### Cleaning Supplies

- Dishwashing products
- Food cleaners
- Oven and grill cleaners
- Hand cleaners and sanitizers
- Microbial and multipurpose cleaning products
- Waste containers and trash bags

### Appliances

- Dishwashers
- Freezers
- Fryers
- Griddles
- Hot food holding cabinets
- Ice machines
- Ovens
- Pre-rinse spray valves
- Pressureless steamers
- Refrigerators
- Steam cookers
- Vending machines





A sustainable food service program should also include solid waste reduction, water and energy conservation, the procurement of local food, and the procurement of sustainable products. When purchasing sustainable food service products, keep in mind the disposal options used at the installation. To realize the full environmental benefits of purchasing compostable tableware and cutlery, these items must be composted. If an installation does not have a composting program, it would be environmentally advantageous to buy reusable tableware and cutlery or to purchase recycled content or biobased items. Installations should avoid Styrofoam containers unless they are able to recycle these containers.



**Buy Wisely, Buy for the Future!**



## PURCHASING GUIDE MATRIX – FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS

Product	Preference Program				Minimum Content Levels	Availability				GSA Award Schedule(s)
						EMALL	GSA Advantage	GSA Global Supply	AbilityOne	
Commercial dishwashers	X				N/A		X			Schedule 51 V SIN 639 001 & 002
Commercial freezers	X				N/A	X	X			Schedule 51 V SIN 639 001 & 002 Schedule 73 SIN 302 49
Commercial fryers	X				N/A		X			Schedule 73 SIN 302 3
Commercial griddles	X				N/A	X	X			Schedule 73 SIN 302 3
Commercial hot food holding cabinets	X				N/A		X			Schedule 73 SIN 302 28
Commercial ovens	X				N/A		X			Schedule 73 SIN 302 3
Commercial pressureless steamers	X				N/A		X			Schedule 73 SIN 302 3
Commercial refrigerators	X				N/A	X	X			Schedule 51 V SIN 639 001 & 002 Schedule 73 SIN 302 49
Dishwashing products		X		X	58%	X	X	X	X	Schedule 73 SIN 375 321 & 363
Disposable containers		X			72%		X			Schedule 73 SIN 302 74
Disposable cutlery		X			48%	X	X	X	X	Schedule 73 SIN 302 74
Disposable tableware		X			72%		X	X	X	Schedule 73 SIN 302 74
Food cleaners		X			53%		X			Schedule 51 V SIN 105 002
Grease trap/lift station maintainers				X	N/A					
Hand cleaners		X		X	64%	X	X	X	X	Schedule 73 852 1, Schedule 51 V SINs 105 001 & 002
Hand sanitizers		X			73%	X	X	X	X	Schedule 73 SIN 852 1 Schedule 51 V SIN 105 002
Ice machines <sup>2,3</sup>	X				N/A	X	X			Schedule 73 SIN 302 49
Microbial cleaning products		X			44-50%				X	
Multipurpose cleaning products		X		X	56%	X	X	X	X	Schedule 51 V SIN 105 001 & 002
Oven and grill cleaners		X		X	66%	X	X	X		Schedule 51 V SIN 105 002
Paper napkins			X		30-100%	X	X	X	X	Schedule 75 SIN 75 85
Paper towels			X		40-100%	X	X	X	X	Schedule 51 V SIN 105 001 & 002 Schedule 75 SIN 75 85
Paper tray liners			X		50-100%	X				
Plastic trash bags			X		10-100%	X	X	X	X	Schedule 51 V SIN 105 001 & 002 Schedule 73 SIN 384 2 Schedule 81 I B SIN 617 1
Vending machines <sup>3</sup>	X				N/A					Schedule 73 SIN 302 36 & 56

 =ENERGYSTAR,  = Biobased,  = Recycled Content,  = Safer Choice

<sup>2</sup> This product should be FEMP designated

<sup>3</sup> This product should be SNAP approved

### SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING TIPS

- Use durable/reusable tableware and cutlery for eat-in dining.
- Purchase disposable containers, tableware, and cutlery that are certified as compostable by the Biodegradable Products Institute (assuming a composting program is in place).
- Purchase food that is locally grown and/or in season.
- Purchase bulk foods to reduce container and packaging waste.