



Green Purchasing State Profile

State of New Hampshire



Green Purchasing Policies

New Hampshire has adopted policies within its Revised Statutes that govern procurement practices to contribute to energy efficiency and waste reduction. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- **Title I, Chapter 9-C: State Government Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Recycled Products Purchase**

Effective September 2008, this chapter requires state agencies to “(p)urchase materials, supplies, and products that have the highest content of recycled materials and which are recyclable and non-toxic, to the extent feasible, acceptable, and appropriate.” Section 5 enlists the Department of Environmental Services to assist by identifying waste reduction opportunities and supplying recycling guidelines. Section 8 directs the state’s Division of Plant and Property Management, home of the procurement agency, to reflect the provisions of this chapter in procurement specifications and “the information required from vendors and bidders,” and to keep state agencies informed of the requirements. The Division is also made responsible for recycled materials pickup at the state agencies that purchase through its procurement office, nicely joining procurement and recycling efforts. Section 9 requires uncoated printing paper to contain not less than 30 percent recycled material, and coated paper to contain not less than 10 percent of the same. Each agency is directed by Section 10 to report compliance with the chapter on a form prepared in September of each year.

- **Title I, Chapter 12-I, Section 11: Division of Plant and Property Management**

Subsection II of this Section directs the Division to purchase only heating oil containing at least 5% biodiesel, and to purchase biodiesel fuel blends.

- **Title 1, Chapter 21-I, Section 14-C: Energy Consumption Reduction Goal: Reports**

This section calls for a reduction in fossil fuel use by state facilities by 25 percent over 2005 levels by 2025, with annual reporting required beginning in 2012.

- **Title III, Chapter 53-F: Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy Districts.**

Section 1 of this chapter defines “energy conservation and efficiency improvements” to include the use of ventilation systems and/or windows that meet or exceed ENERGY STAR standards, as well as “efficient” lighting equipment and energy control and recovery systems. Municipalities are invited in section 2 to adopt the provisions of the chapter through legislation or a popular ballot, and to designate an “energy efficiency and clean energy district.” District borders may lie within one municipality, or encompass multiple cities, towns, and/or villages.



- **Executive Order 2011-1** mandates that every agency and department purchase of ENERGY STAR-rated air conditioners, computers, appliances, office and other equipment using a modified Request for Bids that specifies ENERGY STAR compliance.

- **Executive Order 2012-1** directs all state agencies to purchase recycled, remanufactured or recyclable toner ink cartridges, and to certify compliance with a form submitted in June of each year.

Green Purchasing Accomplishments

Following commitments to targets set under Executive Order 2005-4, the state reduced energy use by 16 percent per square foot between 2005 and 2011, exceeding the 10 percent reduction goal and saving \$3 million in energy costs. As of 2013, the [Energy Management Annual Report](#) shows that overall state energy consumption has fallen 19.4% from 2005 levels. The New Hampshire Climate Action Plan was developed in 2009 by the state's Climate Change Policy Task Force. It is aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions while helping to ensure long-term economic prosperity in the state, and sets a reduction goal of 80 percent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions below 1990 levels by 2050. Further goals for reduction in fossil fuel use were set under RSA 21-I, 14-C, to allow New Hampshire to build on its energy use reduction success.

Key Green Contracts

In compliance with RSA 9-C, New Hampshire's [Office Supplies](#) contract renewed March 2013 specifies copier paper containing "30% pc waste content" for each line item.

The state's [Paper and Envelopes](#) contract, changed March 2013, cites recycled content requirements in line with RSA 9-C, charging that all products should be compliant with the standard unless explicitly stated otherwise.

A January 2012 contract for [Fax Machines](#) specifies a device that is ENERGY STAR rated.

New Hampshire holds a contract for [B-20 Biodeisel](#) beginning April 2013, which may assist in implementation of RSA 12-I, 11 and 21-I, 14-C, which mandate use of biodeisel and reduction in fossil fuel use, respectively.