Recycling Containers and Waste Baskets

Covered Products

Recycling Containers and waste baskets that are designed to collect and transport waste and recycling materials in office settings either deskside, or as centralized containers.

Definitions

EPA Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines – An EPA created set of guidelines for procuring products that contain recycled content to increase the size of the market for recycled materials.

Specification

All affected entities shall, to the maximum extent practicable, purchase recycling containers and waste baskets that meet the following specifications:

- Meet the EPA Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines for office recycling containers and waste receptacles by material.
    - Plastic: contain a minimum 20% post-consumer recycled content
    - Steel: contain a minimum of 16% post-consumer recycled content
    - Corrugated Cardboard: at least 25% post-consumer recycled content
- Does not contain polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

Packaging

Packaging shall comply with Environmental Conservation Law section 37-0205. Packaging shall not contain inks, dyes, pigments, adhesives, stabilizers, or any other additives to which any lead, cadmium, mercury or hexavalent chromium is intentionally added or contain incidental concentrations of lead, cadmium, mercury or hexavalent chromium which together are greater than 100 parts per million by weight (0.01%).

New York State encourages affected entities to adopt the following in order of preference when purchasing items that come in packaging:

- Items that do not need packaging, or the packaging is part of the product.
- Items that come in reusable packaging.
- Items that come in bulk packaging.
- Items that come in innovative packaging that reduces the amount of packaging.
- Items that come in packaging that remains the property of the supplier and does not become the property of the end user under any circumstance or condition.

The vendor shall certify that the packaging material will be reused, recycled, or composted, and managed in compliance with applicable local, state, and federal laws.

- Items that come in packaging that maximizes recycled or biodegradable (compostable) content and/or meets or exceeds the minimum post-consumer content level for packaging in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines. Biodegradable products should only be used in areas where a composting facility exists that accept the material.
- Items that come in Packaging that is recyclable or biodegradable (compostable). Biodegradable products should only be used in areas where a composting facility exists and will accept the material.