

Policies and Plans

Purchasing Office sustainability efforts are guided by policies and city-wide initiatives including:

- The Sustainability Principles and Guidelines within **Division 46 of the Public Contracting Rules – 2014**. This policy sets parameters and promotes the organization to seek goods and services that reduce negative impacts on human health and the environment. Areas of focus include recyclability and reuse, pollution reduction, preference for Oregon sourced goods and services, energy efficiencies, enhancement of the health of city residents, avoidance of toxic compounds, and consideration of life cycle costs.
- The **Community Climate and Energy Action Plan** was the result of citizen collaboration with City employees. The plan was constructed to address concern regarding global climate change and rising fuel prices. One directive of the plan is to reduce public agency purchase of greenhouse gas-intensive goods.
- In 2014, the Eugene City Council adopted a **Climate Recovery Ordinance**, which states that city-owned facilities and city operations shall be carbon neutral by 2020, through the use of emissions reductions, and where necessary, the purchase of carbon offsets. It further states that both internal city and community-wide fossil fuel usage shall be reduced to 50% of 2010 levels by 2030.
- The **Triple Bottom Line** is a framework used within the City as a planning and decision making tool. As the name implies, there are three major areas of consideration: Environmental Health, Social Equity and Economic Prosperity. This tool has been instrumental in making complex purchasing decisions.
- The Internal Zero Waste strategy addresses waste from internal operations. The goal is to increase the diversion of waste going to the landfill. Purchasing strategies to reduce waste include promoting reduce and reuse, buying recycled content goods, requesting less packaging for new goods, and developing service contracts from a resource management perspective.

