

“Green” Purchasing in the Workplace – Ask The Expert



Sustainability is becoming an important part of workplace practices, but what does buying “green” actually mean, and how can it impact your organization’s performance?

Ensure your organization considers environmentally responsible purchasing decisions that supports workplace health, environmental cognizance, and long-term business success.

Question

What does buying “green” mean in an OHS and workplace sense, and how does it help my company’s bottom line?

Answer

Buying “green” at work and outside of work means selecting goods and services that have minimal environmental and health impacts throughout their lifecycle. This includes considering how products are made, the materials used, how they are transported, and how they will be disposed of.

Adopting green purchasing practices can help your company’s bottom line by reducing operating costs, lowering waste disposal expenses, and extending the lifespan of equipment and

materials. Resource-efficient products often consume less energy and require less maintenance, leading to long-term savings. Organizations may benefit from improved compliance, reduced legal and insurance costs, and a stronger corporate image.

Explanation

Organizations that implement green purchasing programs often gain better control over their supply chains and improve relationships with suppliers, which can lead to operational efficiencies. These programs can also help attract and retain employees, as many workers prefer to work for companies that demonstrate a commitment to environmental and social responsibility.

Green products typically use fewer resources and generate less waste and pollution over their lifecycle. These practices also contribute to broader socio-economic benefits by supporting healthier communities, responsible production, and sustainable economic growth.

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