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Policy Statement

It is Mountain Burger’s policy to purchase products responsibly that align with the restaurant's environmental, social, and economic values. Purchasers will consider the life cycle of a product and its impact as it aligns with Mountain Burger’s values.

Purpose

The purpose of the Mountain Burger Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) policy and guides is to align our actions with the Mountain Burger Climate Action Plan and our goal of net-zero emissions in 2025. About 90% of our emissions fall under Scope 3, our indirect emissions, which contains our supply chain. In an effort to reduce Scope 3 emissions, Mountain Burger recognizes the importance of our purchases and gives preference to products that limit their environmental impact, are produced with social responsibility, and provide high-quality performance without sacrificing cost.

Definitions

- **Environmentally preferable product:** a product that has a lower social and environmental impact compared to other products of the same use or purpose. Comparisons of extraction, production, manufacturing, materials, transportation, and more between products may be used to make a decision.
- **Post-consumer recycled content:** material that is made of the consumer’s end-of-use of a product and is used to make a new product which avoids virgin material extraction and associated emissions.
- **Life cycle analysis:** a comprehensive report of a product's environmental and economic impact including material extraction, transportation, processing, usage, and disposal.
- **Recyclable product:** a product that is able to be diverted from the landfill and processed at local facilities to create new products.
- **Reusable product:** a product that can be used multiple times like a container that can be washed and used again.
- **Virgin materials:** a raw material that has not been used for any other product before. Associated emissions include extraction, transportation, and processing of raw materials. Post-consumer recycled materials reduce the use of raw materials.
- **Light pollution:** a result of artificial light in urban areas obscuring the ability to view the night sky. Light pollution has ecological consequences as well. It can impact circadian rhythms and impact the hunting and survival abilities of animals that use darkness to obscure themselves.

- **Chlorine bleaching:** creates byproducts that can have harmful effects on human health and the environment. Eliminating the use of chlorine bleach when unnecessary can reduce exposure to harmful chemicals and keep them from entering the natural environment where they could cause ecological damage.

Data and Performance Reporting

To evaluate and track emissions to reach our sustainability goals, purchased products must be recorded. Records should include price, quantity, brand, certifications, and any other relevant information for comprehensive data collection.

Purchases should be evaluated each year with a larger emissions report to account for all Mountain Burger purchases, supply chains, and environmental and social impacts.

Priorities

Health and Safety

The health and safety of the Mountain Burger community and the greater Bend community are of the utmost importance including direct and indirect environmental impacts.

Local Economy

Purchasing local goods and services supports the local economy and creates relationships that give back to the community and help keep Bend the friendly place we love.

Cost and Quality

Purchasing goods and services that are environmentally friendly without sacrificing quality or cost is an important consideration for continuing a high level of service.

Areas of Focus

The following Areas of Focus are important considerations when purchasing goods and services. The Areas of Focus serve to guide purchasers' decisions along with but are not limited to, cost, performance, and availability. Prior to purchasing, purchasers must consider the necessity and possibility of extending the life of an existing product or service. They must also consider meeting the needs through other avenues with existing products or services (e.g. renting vs buying).

Waste Reduction

Products that will have less waste than the “normal” product must be considered. This includes end-of-life and waste stream diversions such as repairability, recycling, and composting. Packaging must also be taken into account for its necessity and/or recyclability.

Recycled Contents

Products that are made from post-consumer waste must be prioritized to reduce the environmental impacts of extracting, transporting, and processing virgin materials.

Energy Savings

Products and services that require less energy to operate while still maintaining quality and fulfilling the needs of the restaurant must be prioritized.

Water Savings

Products and services that reduce water consumption must be used to limit the unnecessary use of limited water supply.

Toxins and Pollutants

Products and services that avoid or reduce the use of dangerous chemicals and pollutants must be prioritized for the health and safety of people and the environment throughout the life cycle.

Natural Resources

Products and services that reduce the use of natural resources needed must be prioritized. This includes onsite use, offsite use, extraction, and processing of goods.

Biodiversity

Products and services that support local biodiversity, or biodiversity where the product is extracted or produced, are important for the health of the environment and must be prioritized.

Social Responsibility

Products and services that are socially responsible must be prioritized. This includes but is not limited to the extraction, transportation, and production of a product, such as fair-trade products. Considerations for small businesses, including but not limited to minority- and/or women-owned businesses must be prioritized.

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Apparel

Products for Apparel:

- Merchandise sold to customers
 - Hats, beanies, sweatshirts, t-shirts, etc.
- Team uniforms
 - Hats, sweatshirts, t-shirts, etc.

Ecolabels

- Bluesign
- Certified B Corporation
- Cradle to Cradle Certified Product Standard
- Fair Trade International
- Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS)
- Global Recycled Standard (GRS)
- Oeko-Tex Standard 100
- World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO)

Materials

- Uses recycled textiles/materials
- Bamboo - mechanical processing over chemical processing (harmful chemicals pollute)
- Cotton
- Linen
- Hemp
- Natural dyes or sustainable dyes

Additional

- Commitment to sustainability and fair labor practices
- Reduced textile waste
- Reduced water use
- Supply chain transparency

Benefits

- Ensuring fair and ethical standards are being practiced helps reduce inequality and empower workers.
- The use of sustainable materials can reduce the environmental impact of a piece of clothing, and help maintain biodiversity and ethical sourcing of materials.

Cleaning Products

Products for Non-Disinfectants:

- General/multipurpose cleaners
- Glass cleaners
- Floor & carpet cleaners
- Non-disinfecting restroom cleaners
- Specialty cleaners:
 - Degreasers
 - Dishwashing detergents
 - Wood & metal polishes
 - Drain cleaners

Ecolabels

- Green Seal
- Safer Choice
- UL ECOLOGO
- USDA Biobased

Additional

- Fragrance-free
- Non-aerosol
- Not single-use disposable wipe
- Recyclable packaging

Benefits

- Certified green cleaning products promotes and ensures a healthy indoor environment.
- Reducing toxic chemicals from entering water systems improves and mitigates pollution in aquatic ecosystems.
- Buying concentrated cleaning products reduces waste due to less packaging.
- Buying concentrated cleaning products reduces environmental impact related to transportation as there is more product per transport.
- Buying concentrated cleaning products is more cost-effective.

Products for non-porous surfaces:

- Tile
- Metal
- Glass
- Rigid plastic
- Laminated surfaces

Ecolabels

- U.S. EPA Design for the Environment (DfE)

Additional

- Only contains the following active ingredients
 - Hydrogen peroxide
 - Citric, lactic, or caprylic/octanoic acid
- Non-aerosol
- On the [U.S. EPA Disinfectants for COVID-19 list](#)
- No single-use products such as disposable wipes
- Fragrance-free
- Recyclable packaging

Benefits

- Safer active ingredients reduce exposure to chemicals linked to health issues and prevent them from entering the environment from the disposal.

Electronics

Products for this guide:

- Computers
- Phones
- Tablets
- POS Systems
- Printers
- Other electronic systems

Ecolabels

- EPEAT Registered
- ENERGY STAR

Requirements

- Energy efficient electronics - sleep mode
- Compatible with environmentally friendly inks

Additional

- Recyclable packaging
- Ability to be repaired
- Used or preowned (if still in good condition and does not sacrifice quality or performance)
- Made from post-consumer recycled material

Benefits

- Post-consumer recycled material eliminates GHGs, energy consumption, and natural resource consumption associated with the use of virgin materials.
- Post-consumer recycled material diverts waste from landfills.
- Energy-efficient appliances reduce energy consumption and related emissions.

Food

Products for this guide:

- Food and beverages

Ecolabels

- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Organic
- Food Alliance
- Rainforest Alliance
- Protected Harvest
- Fair Trade
- Marine Stewardship Council's Blue Eco-Label

Requirements

- Food and beverage products should be locally sourced when possible
- Suppliers must have sustainable practices and must be transparent with their practices
- Regenerative grazing practices should be used

Additional

- Single-use packaging should be limited.
- Packaging should be made from post-consumer recycled materials.
- Packaging should be recyclable.

Benefits

- Sourcing from local suppliers reduces transportation emissions. It also supports the local economy and supports other members of the local community.
- Supporting suppliers with sustainable practices reduces environmental impact and promotes and invests in sustainable business practices.
- Supporting fair trade and fair wages ensures that working environments are ethical and supports businesses that treat their workers responsibly.
- Using responsibly sourced food and beverages ensures that there is a limited environmental impact which allows for future food and beverage practices to continue while supporting the natural environment.

Furniture

Products for this guide:

- Tables
- Chairs
- Storage
- Couches, etc.

Ecolabels

- UL GREENGUARD GOLD
- SCS Indoor Advantage Gold
- MAS Certified Green
- Intertek Clean Air Gold
- Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS)
- Oeko-Tex 100
- Cradle to Cradle (C2C)
- NSF/ANSI 336 (FACTS label)
- GreenScreen
- Forest and Stewardship Council (FSC)
- BIFMA
- International Living Future Institute Declare Verified Red List Free
- Good Environmental Choice Australia (GECA)

Requirements

- Update existing furniture when possible (reupholster, repaint, repair, etc.)
- Buy used furniture when possible
- Look for furniture made from recycled materials

For new furniture

- Product is free of intentionally-added antimicrobials, polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and vinyl (PVC)
- Product is free of added flame retardants

Benefits

- Low-emitting furniture maintains good indoor air quality.
- Reducing toxic chemicals reduces the risk of exposure to health risks.
- Buying used furniture or furniture made from recycled materials diverts waste from landfills.

Heating & Cooling

Products for this guide:

- HVAC
- Space heaters
- Fans

Ecolabels

- ENERGY STAR

Requirements

- Energy efficient appliances
- Electric appliances if renewable energy is available
- Fuel efficient if gas or other petroleum-based fuels are necessary
- Timers to limit unnecessary use
- Ability to control heat output to reduce unnecessary heating and fuel consumption

Additional

- Recyclable packaging
- Ability to be repaired
- Used or preowned (if still in good condition and does not sacrifice quality or performance)
- Made from post-consumer recycled material

Benefits

- Post-consumer recycled material eliminates GHGs, energy consumption, and natural resource consumption associated with the use of virgin materials.
- Post-consumer recycled material diverts waste from landfills.
- Energy efficient appliances reduce energy consumption and related emissions.

Kitchen & Bar Equipment

Products for this guide:

- Kitchen Appliances: griddles, refrigerator/freezer, dishwasher, etc.
- Kitchen Equipment: pots, pans, bowls, utensils, other cookware, etc.
- Bar Equipment: cocktail equipment like shakers, muddlers, jiggers, bottle openers, strainers, any other tools

Ecolabels

- Cradle to Cradle (C2C)
- ENERGY STAR
- Forest and Stewardship Council (FSC)
- International Living Future Institute Declare Verified Red List Free
- UL ECOLOGO

Requirements

- Reusable over single-use products
- For products that cannot be reused:
 - Recyclable at local facilities
 - Made from post-consumer recycled content
 - No toxic or hazardous chemicals
 - Packaging is recyclable at local facilities
- Buy used products when possible
- Buy energy-efficient and water-efficient products

Benefits

- Limiting toxic chemicals reduces the risk of exposure to health risks.
- Buying used products or products made from recycled materials diverts waste from landfills.
- Energy- and water-efficient appliances reduce emissions and the consumption of natural resources.

Lighting Products

Requirements

- LED bulbs
- Outdoor fixtures are dark-sky friendly
 - Fully shielded
 - Directional
 - Minimizes blue-light emissions

Ecolabels

- DesignLights Consortium (DLC) and/or DLC Luna
- ENERGY STAR
- International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) Dark Sky
- Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Compliant

Tips

- Use the [Lighting Facts Label](#) to choose the best bulb. The following information is included on the label:
 - “Brightness” in lumens
 - “Estimated Yearly Energy Cost” in dollars based on average initial wattage, a usage rate of 3hrs/day, and \$0.11 per kWh
 - “Life” in years based on a usage rate of 3hrs/day
 - “Light Appearance” in degrees Kelvin (K) on a scale from 2,600 K to 6,600 K
 - “Energy Used” in average initial wattage
 - “Design voltage” of each lamp in the package if it is **not** 120 volts
 - Will have ENERGY STAR logo if it is a certified product
 - For lamps containing mercury: “Contains Mercury For more on clean up and safe disposal, visit epa.gov/cfl.”

Lighting Facts Per Bulb	
Brightness	820 lumens
Estimated Yearly Energy Cost	\$7.23
Based on 3 hrs/day, 11¢/kWh Cost depends on rates and use	
Life	1.4 years
Based on 3 hrs/day	
Light Appearance	
Warm Cool	
▲ 2700 K	
Energy Used	60 watts

Benefits

- LEDs are more energy-efficient, reducing energy costs and the resulting GHG emissions.
- Many LEDs support **programmable lighting systems** like timers and dimmability so lighting use can be optimized and efficient.
- LEDs do not use mercury which is harmful to the environment and human health.
- Dark-sky-friendly outdoor lighting protects wildlife’s natural habits and allows people to stargaze.

Janitorial Products

Products for this guide:

- Paper towels
- Toilet tissue
- Toilet seat covers
- Facial tissue

Ecolabels

- Green Seal
- UL ECOLOGO
- Forest and Stewardship Council (FSC) certified

Requirements

- Contains post-consumer recycled content

Additional

- Processed Chlorine Free (PCF) bleaching process
- No individual wrapping
- No added fragrances, dyes, or antimicrobials
- Post-consumer recycled content and/or recyclable packaging materials

Benefits

- Post-consumer recycled material eliminates GHGs, energy consumption, and natural resource consumption associated with the use of virgin materials.
- Post-consumer recycled material diverts waste from landfills.
- Reducing deforestation and sourcing from responsibly managed forests promotes biodiversity and protects natural habitats and ecosystems.
- Eliminating the use of chlorine reduces the associated water pollution.

Office Supplies

Products for this guide:

- Printing and writing paper
- File folders
- Notebooks and notepads
- Sticky notes
- Envelopes
- Shipping and storage materials
- Other paper office supplies

Ecolabels

- Green Seal
- UL ECOLOGO
- Forest and Stewardship Council (FSC)
- Green-e
- EPEAT Registered
- ENERGY STAR

Requirements

- Contains post-consumer recycled content
- Must be recyclable through service providers and at local facilities (Knott Recycling Center)

Additional

- Eco-friendly inks - VOC free, water-based, algae-based, vegetable-based, etc.
- Processed Chlorine Free (PCF) bleaching process
- No individual wrapping
- No added fragrances, dyes, or antimicrobials
- Post-consumer recycled content and/or recyclable packaging materials

Benefits

- The use of post-consumer recycled content reduces energy use and GHG emissions associated with virgin material extraction and processing.
- Reducing the need for virgin materials prevents deforestation, protects wildlife, and promotes carbon sequestration.
- Recycled content consumes less water and water pollution as opposed to virgin material-related activities.

- The use of post-consumer recycled content diverts waste from the landfill where it will release harmful emissions into the atmosphere.

Suppliers & Service Providers

- All suppliers and service providers should share sustainability values with Mountain Burger
- Suppliers and service providers must be transparent about their practices
 - Sustainability initiatives
 - Social responsibility
 - Resource management
- Waste
 - Transparency with where they take the waste and what they do with the waste
 - Composting - must be able to verify that food scraps are actually going to composting facilities and being turned into soil
 - Grease disposal - must be transparent with where the grease is being recycled and disposed of
 - Recycling - must be transparent with the facilities being used to process recyclable materials and verification that they are being recycled
- Suppliers and service providers should have efficient processes and routes with pickups and deliveries

Tableware, Drinkware, & To-Go Program

Products for this guide:

- Tableware: plates, bowls, cutlery, etc.
- Drinkware: water glasses, alcoholic beverages glassware, etc.
- To-Go Program: plates, bowls, cups, ramekins, cutlery, bags, napkins, etc.

Ecolabels

- Cradle to Cradle (C2C)
- Forest and Stewardship Council (FSC)
- International Living Future Institute Declare Verified Red List Free

Requirements

- Reusable over single-use products
- For products that cannot be reused:
 - Recyclable at local facilities
 - Made from post-consumer recycled content
 - No toxic or hazardous chemicals
 - Packaging is recyclable at local facilities
- Consider sourcing used products
 - Beware of the possibility of lead in older products
- Beware of PFAS and other toxic chemicals in food packaging (common in fast food wrappers)
- Disposable cutlery
 - Recommended - USDA Biobased Bamboo or FSC certified wood
- Disposable containers
 - Not recyclable or compostable at the Deschutes County Recycling
 - Products: made from post-consumer recycled content, does not contain harmful chemicals (often found in the lining of boxes or containers)
- Disposable plates
 - Recommended - palm leaf

Benefits

- Limiting toxic chemicals reduces the risk of exposure to health risks.
- Buying used products or products made from recycled materials diverts waste from landfills.

Appendix A: Ecolabels

- [Ecolabel Index](#): a database for tracking eco-labels.
- [BioPreferred](#): this is a USDA program that ensures a product is composed of biological products or is an intermediate ingredient or feedstock. These are products derived from raw materials like plants and other renewable agricultural, marine, and forestry materials.
- [Bluesign](#): a product meets all bluesign CRITERIA including governmental regulations, stakeholder guidelines, and bluesign requirements
 - bluesign PRODUCT - textile product is bluesign APPROVED and originates from a bluesign SYSTEM PARTNER.
 - bluesign APPROVED - textile component or chemical substance meets bluesign CRITERIA. Used for transparency with textile manufacturers.
- [Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association \(BIFMA\)](#):
 - LEVEL certification ensures responsibly manufactured products (socially and environmentally)
 - BIFMA Compliant ensures furniture products meet BIFMA safety and durability standards
- [Certified B Corporation](#): a certification that verifies a business meets high standards of performance, accountability, and transparency. Certified businesses demonstrate high social and environmental performance, make a legal commitment to be accountable to stakeholders, and exhibit transparency for performance to be publicly available on B Lab's website.
- [Chlorine Free Products Association \(CFPA\)](#): certification for totally chlorine-free (TCF) products and processed chlorine-free (PCF) products.



- [Climate Neutral](#): brands are certified climate neutral through measuring, reducing, and compensating for their emissions. This includes Scopes 1,2, and 3 emissions per the Greenhouse Gas Protocol.



- [Cradle to Cradle](#): Certification to ensure products are made in a safe, circular, and responsible way. Standards in the following categories: material health, product circularity, clean air & climate protection, water & soil stewardship, and social fairness.



- [Design for the Environment \(DfE\)](#): U.S. EPA certification for antimicrobial products, like disinfectants and sanitizers, that meet pesticide registration requirements and whose ingredients have been reviewed for human health and environmental fate.



- [DesignLights Consortium \(DLC\)](#): dedicated to improving energy efficiency in lighting. There are five different logos:

- DLC Program Logo
- QPL Product Logo
- QPL Premium Logo
- Horticulture QPL Logo
- LUNA Logo



- [Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool \(EPEAT\)](#): a U.S. EPA program owned and managed by the [Global Electronics Council \(GEC\)](#) that EPEAT-registered products meet performance criteria and address materials selection, supply chain greenhouse gas emissions reduction, design for circularity and product longevity, energy conservation, end-of-life management, and corporate performance.



- [ENERGY STAR](#): government-backed symbol for energy efficiency. The U.S. EPA ensures products with the label are up to efficiency performance and savings standards.



- [Fairtrade International](#): ensures a company meets standards in:
 - Economic criteria - Fairtrade Minimum Price for producers and Fairtrade Premium for farmers and workers
 - Environmental criteria - ecologically and agriculturally sound practices - water and waste management, biodiversity and soil fertility, etc.
 - Social criteria - non-discriminatory employment practices, pay rates equal or higher than the legal or regional minimum wages, no forced or child labor



- [Food Alliance](#): ensures products are produced under safe and fair working conditions, humane treatment of animals, and environmental stewardship for farmers, ranchers, and the food and beverage industries.



- [Forest and Stewardship Council \(FSC\)](#): certification that ensures zero deforestation, fair wage and work environment, supports the change from preservation to conservation, and community rights.
 - FSC 100%: all materials are responsibly managed and from FSC-certified forests.
 - FSC Recycled: the product is made from 100% recycled materials.
 - FSC Mix: the product is made from a mix of FSC-certified forests, recycled materials, and/or FSC-controlled wood.



- [Global Organic Textile Standard \(GOTS\)](#): certification ensures a company meets standards in the textile supply chain (processing and trade). Operators and wholesalers have to have an annual on-site inspection cycle for products to be labeled GOTS certified.



- [Global Recycled Standard \(GRS\)](#): verifies recycled material, responsible production, chain of custody, credible certification, confident communication, and stakeholder engagement
 - Main objectives:
 - Reduce harmful impacts of production on people and the environment
 - Provide assurance that products are processed in a more climate-friendly way



- Encourage higher proportions of recycled content in products

- [Good Environmental Choice Australia \(GECA\)](#): certification to ensure environmental responsibility, reduced human health risks, and social impacts.



- [Green Seal](#): certification that holds standards for protecting human health, preserving the climate, ensuring clean water, minimizing waste, and encompasses the entire product life cycle.



- [Green-e](#): certification for clean energy and carbon offsets with references from UNEP, B Corp, CDP, EPA Green Power Partnership, Green Restaurant Association, and more. Green-e has programs for Climate, Energy, Marketplace, and Renewable Fuels.



- [GreenScreen](#): certification for furniture and fabrics to ensure they are PFAS-free and have safer chemistry to reduce risk of health risks from chemicals found in furniture and fabrics.



- [International Dark-Sky Association \(IDA\) Dark Sky](#): approval of certain lighting products that reduce light pollution. Blue light causes discomfort, glare, circadian rhythm disruption, light scattering, skyglow, and biological system disruption in wildlife.



- [International Living Future Institute Declare Verified Red List Free](#): “The Living Building Challenge (LBC) Red List represents the “worst in class” materials, chemicals, and elements known to pose serious risks to human health and the greater ecosystem that are prevalent in the building products industry.”

- [Intertek Clean Air Gold](#): ensures products have low VOC emissions for healthy indoor air quality and reduced health risks in the indoor environment.



- [Marine Stewardship Council \(MSC\)](#): certification for sustainable seafood. Ensures that seafood products are:
 - Sustainably sourced: stocks are fished in a way that doesn't threaten the population's long-term health and minimizes the damage to surrounding wildlife and ecosystem
 - Verified: seafood meets MSC standards
 - Wild-Caught: seafood comes from the ocean, lakes, or rivers from wild populations

- [Materials Analytical Services \(MAS\) Certified Green](#): certification for interior construction, products, furniture, and furnishings have limited emissions in the indoor environment to reduce health risks from VOCs.

- [NSF/ANSI 336 \(FACTS label\)](#): sustainability assessment for commercial furnishing and fabric brochure to ensure a reduced environmental impact, and social and economic responsibility.

- [OEKO-TEX STANDARD 100](#): textile standard to ensure any component (thread, buttons, etc.) has been tested for substances that are harmful to human health.

- [Protected Harvest](#):
 - Lodi Rules: certification for sustainable viticulture including soil and water, business practices, human resources, and pest control
 - Sustainable Citrus Standard: certification for citrus growing including social responsibility, energy management, pest management, and sustainable agriculture production
 - BloomCheck: certification for sustainable cut flowers including measures around the ecosystem, society-at-large, and flower quality.

- [Rainforest Alliance](#): certification that holds products to standards in the following themes: forests, climate, human rights, and livelihoods. Certification is for agricultural products, forestry products, and tourism businesses.



- [Restriction of Hazardous Substances RoHS Compliant](#): certification standards originated in the European Union (EU) to restrict the use of hazardous materials found in electrical and electronic products.



- [Safer Choice Products](#): U.S. EPA certification that holds products to standards for the safety of human health and the environment. The program also includes practices that reduce, eliminate, or prevent pollution at its source. This includes all-purpose cleaners, car care products, dish soaps, floor cleaners, laundry products, and tub and tile cleaners.
 - There are two alternative labels: one for products designated for business or industrial/institutional purposes, and one that is a fragrance-free label.



- [Setting the Standard for Sustainability \(SCS\) Indoor Advantage Gold](#): certification to ensure interior products have low VOC emissions to maintain healthy air quality.



- [SmartWay](#): a U.S. EPA program that measures, benchmarks, and improves freight transportation efficiency. The [SmartWay Partner List](#) contains all partners and their performance ranking.



- [U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) Organic](#): ensures products meet production, handling, and labeling rules and regulation standards made by the National Organic Program (NOP). Organic products support the cycling of on-farm resources, promote ecologic balance, and conserve biodiversity. This includes maintaining and enhancing soil and water quality; conserving wetlands, woodlands, and wildlife; and avoiding the use of synthetic fertilizers, sewage sludge, irradiation, and genetic engineering.



- [UL ECOLOGO](#): certification that holds products to environmental performance industry standards. Certification includes cleaning products, sanitation products, sanitary and office papers, mobile phones, electronic equipment, and more.



- [UL GREENGUARD](#) or UL GREENGUARD Gold: certification for low-emission products and certification for building materials, furniture and furnishings, electronic equipment, cleaning and maintenance products, and medical devices for breathing pathways.
- [WaterSense](#): a U.S. EPA program that ensures products are up to water efficiency and performance standards by EPA specifications. This includes bathroom faucets, commercial toilets, urinals, spray sprinkler bodies, and irrigation controllers.
- [World Fair Trade Organization \(WFTO\)](#): WFTO standards specify criteria based on their 10 Principles of Fair Trade. Members of WFTO must comply with the principles and must show improvement over time.



Appendix B: Resources

The Mountain Burger Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) policy and guides were written in conjunction with the following resources:

- [Sample Climate-Friendly Purchasing Policy | Institute for Local Government](#)
- [Environmentally Preferable Purchasing \(EPP\) Guidelines | Procurement | Duke](#)
- [Sustainable Purchasing Policy Template | StopWaste](#)
- [Sustainable Purchasing Guides | StopWaste](#)
- [Green Purchasing Guide | National Association of State Procurement Officials \(NASPO\)](#)

Appendix C: Authors

The Mountain Burger Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy and Guide was written by Molly Wasserman in February 2023.