



Nationwide Services Group Limited		
Sustainable Procurement Policy		
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Nationwide Services Group Ltd is committed to promoting sustainability as an integral part of our business. Nationwide Services is also committed to promoting environmental sustainability through our work on behalf of clients and through our own operations. This policy outlines the approach that will be taken in order to ensure natural resources are used efficiently and that effective protection of the environment is considered in purchasing decisions.

Nationwide Services will endeavour to embed the principles of sustainability within its procurement activities to ensure that sustainable products and services are selected and that where appropriate, a balanced consideration of cost vs. social, ethical, environmental and economic impacts is undertaken throughout the procurement process.

Sustainable products and services should:

- Use fewer natural resources during production (than equivalent products).
- Consume less energy and water when in use (than equivalent products).
- Not contain or use harmful/hazardous substances where possible.
- Have a longer life span (than equivalent products).
- Be reusable or recyclable at final disposal.

Examples of how to ensure purchase of sustainable goods and services:

- Purchasing FSC approved 100% recycled office paper.
- Purchasing fair trade tea & coffee and environmentally-friendly cleaning products where available.
- Integrating environmental assessment criteria into our procurement strategy and purchasing procedures.
- Ensuring that where appropriate, quotation and tender evaluation of goods and services considers whole life costing and not just initial purchase price.

We also aim to evaluate products and services to ensure that we are using suppliers with strong corporate social responsibility and ethical values. Our key suppliers should where possible and appropriate to their scale and nature:

- Have a publicly available sustainability policy.
- Be operating within or working towards an environmental management system.
- Be working towards reducing packaging and transportation where possible.
- Provide environmental/sustainability training to their staff.

By encouraging a positive approach to these factors by our suppliers, Nationwide Services Group Ltd can ensure that we use the most sustainable products and services available. This policy is designed to inform staff and suppliers. This policy will be periodically reviewed to ensure its continued focus, relevance and fulfilment of the company's core values.