

# Christ Church Eco Procurement Policy



## Green Procurement Policy Principles

- **Understand** the impact your business purchases have on your community, the environment, and your profits.
- **Commit** to developing a plan of action to address negative impacts and find solutions.
- **Measure** and track GPP progress and its effects at all parts of the value chain.
- **Be transparent** with your stakeholders on the motives, goals, and strategies behind your GPP.

## Best Practices

- **Source locally** from credible and certified businesses.
- **Choose certified eco-friendly products** made from 100% biodegradable, compostable, or post-consumer content and those that do not include caustic or toxic chemicals. **Note:** When buying biodegradable products, ensure that there is a facility that can collect these items as biodegradable materials require special processing.
- **Choose ethical products** that support quality working conditions, worker health and safety, and community prosperity. Look for fair trade labels and other ethical certifications.
- **Avoid plastic** products whenever possible as many plastics are non-recyclable and can break down into microplastics that threaten wildlife and human health.
- **Choose efficient products** that conserve natural resources and limit waste.
- **Think ahead** and have a plan for how to manage the disposal of products.

## Eco Procurement Policy Specifics

The PCC will ensure:

1. The church has an energy champion who monitors bills and reports back;
2. They use an electricity supplier who uses renewable sources;
3. They intend to use a green gas supplier or move to carbon offset by 2027 subject to budgetary considerations;

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4. When appliances need replacing, purchase the most energy efficient possible;
5. All lighting in the church and Spire Centre is changed to LED where practical by 2027;
6. Church office uses recycled paper and prints double sided wherever possible;
7. All cleaning products used will be environmentally friendly;
8. FairTrade tea and coffee will always be used in church and other products wherever possible;
9. The normal policy for social events is to not use disposables but, if they are needed in exceptional circumstances, every consideration will be made to ensure they are as eco friendly as possible;
10. Any contractors used for major work on the church will be asked for their Eco Policy which will be reviewed by one of the church bank signatories. A copy of the Policy will be sent to the Christ Church Eco Team as a courtesy;
11. This Policy document should be reviewed by the PCC every three years.

Date of last review: PCC Meeting May 2024

Date of next review: PCC Meeting May 2027