

SO YOU WANT TO BUY FROM AMAZON

The University of California has a vested interest in supporting the innovation, sustainability and growth of small businesses and forward-thinking business models.

However, if you are buying from Amazon, UCSC has indicated preferred products based on our Sustainable Procurement Guidelines. Please be aware of the following:

Banned Items

- Packaging foam (ex: Styrofoam / expanded polystyrene)
- Single-use plastic water bottles or utensils
- Film plastic bags

Purchasing Requirements

PRODUCT CATEGORY	REQUIRED PURCHASING GUIDELINES
Appliances & IT Hardware	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be ENERGY STAR® or EPEAT® Bronze
Disposables and Foodware	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be Compostable; look for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Made from 100% paper, wood, bamboo, or other natural plant fiber materials or◦ Must be PFAS Free and BPI or CMA-W Certified or <p><i>*Reusables preferred over disposables</i></p>
Copy Paper and other Office Paper Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum 30% of post-consumer recycled content or agriculture residue content (<i>Tip: Purchase from the UCSC Copy Center to automatically reach requirements</i>)
Non-Paper Office Supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum 30% post-consumer recycled content
Toner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remanufactured or high-yield
Water Appliances and Fixtures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WaterSense® Certified