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ONONDAGA COUNTY**

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County Executive

POLICY/PROCEDURE MEMO

No. 98-4 Subject: Purchase and Use of Recycled Products

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Whereas it is the public policy of the County of Onondaga to increase the purchase and use of recycled products and to continue Onondaga County's leadership role in promoting recycling as a desirable alternative to disposal, and

Whereas Onondaga County promotes the study, evaluation and use of recycled materials and environmentally preferable products by its departments, boards and agencies on a project by project and product by product basis, and

Whereas it is now desirable to incorporate the results of the County's recycling experience into a more formal policy;

Now therefore, I Nicholas J. Pirro, as County Executive of the County of Onondaga do hereby order and direct each and every Department, Employee, Board, Agency and Commission of the County of Onondaga, under my jurisdiction, as follows:

1. The purchase of products that are manufactured from recycled materials will be actively pursued where economically feasible. In all cases where recycled products are equal value and equal or less cost the recycled product will be the choice.
2. In the purchase of products where recycled products are not of equal value or cost, the preference will be for environmentally preferable products. These are products that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products that serve the same purpose. An example of this is the change last year to an integrated pest management policy that places less emphasis on chemical applications.
3. The Onondaga County Purchase Division will incorporate a recycling product preference in its specifications where practicable. This preference will be for products made from recycled materials and if not available for products that can be themselves recycled.
4. Each County Department, Board, Agency and Commission when considering the order for new products and services will:
 - a. Consider the recycled or environmentally preferable product over a traditional choice to determine the extent to which the product may be practicably used by the agency and its contractors.
 - b. Purchase recycled products with the maximum amount of recycled material practicable.
 - c. Ensure that all contracts issued by the County of Onondaga require the use of recycled and environmentally preferable products wherever practicable and economically feasible.
5. Specific environmentally preferable products include:
 - a. All paper and paper products.
 - b. Compost products

- c. Mulch made from wood debris
- d. Construction aggregates made with recycled concrete, glass or asphalt
- e. Cement and asphalt concrete containing glass, recycled fiber or plastic tire rubber or fly ash
- f. Lubricating oil and hydraulic oil that has been re-refined or contains re-refined oil content
- g. Recycled antifreeze
- h. Recycled plastic products where practicable
- i. Building materials and insulation

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect unless revoked or modified by the County Executive.