

District of Columbia Recognized Environmental Standards and Certifications

Label	Description	Relevant Product Categories
	<p>Products that earn the "Biopreferred" environmental label were made using designated percentages of bio-based materials. Bio-based products may reduce the use of petroleum consumption.</p>	<p>Fuel, cleaners, oils, lubricants, greases, cutlery, lumber, Ink, composite materials</p>
	<p>The Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines provide recycled-content standards endorsed by the Environmental Protection Agency. The CPGs establish minimum recycled content levels for more than 100 products in eight product categories.</p>	<p>Paper and Paper Products, Landscaping Products, Non-paper Office Products, Park and Recreation Products, Transportation Products, Vehicular Products, Miscellaneous Products</p>
	<p>The Design for the Environment label is an EPA program that identifies products that consider environmental and human health. More than 1,000 specific products in approximately two dozen product categories have earned the DfE label.</p>	<p>Cleaning products, industrial products, paints, solvents</p>
	<p>The Environmental Choice (Ecologo) is a Canadian-based third party certification that provides environmental certification for hundreds of commonly used products.</p>	<p>Automotive, Building Construction, Cleaning Janitorial, Containers and Packaging, Electricity, Events, Fuels, Lubricants, Marine Products, Office furniture, Equipment, Business Supplies, Printing Products and Services, Pulp and Paper Products, and some services</p>
	<p>The Energy Star Label is a joint program of the EPA and the US Department of Energy that indicates the existence of an energy efficient product. Energy-efficient products reduce carbon-emission and save money.</p> <p>*The District currently requires that if an Energy Star labeled product exists, the the Energy Star labeled product be purchased instead of the non-labeled alternative.</p>	<p>Appliances, Computers and Electronics, Heating and Cooling, Lighting and Fans, Plumbing, and Building Products</p>
	<p>The EPEAT label is a multi-attribute certification that indicates that an electronics product has met required performance criteria in 23 environmental categories. Following an environmental analysis of a product a rating of Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum is assigned to a product. An EPEAT Silver ranking can be used in lieu of an Energy Star ranking.</p>	<p>Desktops, Displays, Integrated Desktop computers, Notebooks, Printers, Imaging Equipment, and TV's</p>
	<p>The Federal Energy Management Program establishes efficiency standards for electronics and other energy using devices.</p>	<p>Lighting, Commercial and Industrial Equipment, Food Service Equipment, Office Equipment, Appliances, Residential Equipment, Plumbing, Construction Products</p>

	<p>The Forest Stewardship Council is a third party certification that ensure that wood used in products like furniture and paper are harvested from sustainable forests. For District purposes, the FSC and Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) certification can be used interchangeably. (See below)</p>	<p>Furniture, paper products, Wood construction materials</p>
	<p>The GreenSeal program is a United States based third party certification that provides environmental certifications for hundreds of commonly used industrial and commercial products.</p>	<p>Construction Materials and Equipment, Paints and Coatings, Printing and Writing Paper, Paper Products, Food Packaging, Institutional Cleaning Products, Household Products, Hotels and Lodging Properties, Oils and Lubricants</p>
	<p>The Greenguard label is a third-party certification that ensures that indoor products like furniture, carpet, and paint meet proper indoor air quality measures.</p>	<p>Adhesives, Air Filters, Building Construction, Cleaning Products, Electronics, Flooring Products, Furniture, Lighting, Medical Devices, Paints, Storage, Textiles, Wood Finishers</p>
	<p>The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System is the nationally accepted benchmark for design, construction, and operation of green buildings.</p>	<p>Construction projects</p>
	<p>The Level Standard is a furniture industry-sponsored, multi-attribute third-party certification, created by the Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers.</p>	<p>Furniture Products</p>
	<p>The Sustainable Forestry Initiative is a third-party certification that ensures that the wood used in products like paper and wood are harvested from sustainable forests. For District purposes, the SFI and FSC certifications can be used interchangeably.</p>	<p>Furniture, paper products, Wood construction materials</p>
	<p>The WaterSense label is an EPA sponsored certification for plumbing products that ensure products are meet water-efficiency standards.</p>	<p>Plumbing Products</p>
	<p>The SmartWay label is an EPA sponsored certification that certifies cars as being fuel efficient.</p>	<p>Vehicles</p>