



# GREEN PURCHASING POLICY

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## Mission Statement

Salute Mission Critical is committed to conducting our business lawfully and ethically. We built our culture around serving those who have served their country. In that spirit, Salute fosters a workplace where respect for human rights, the safety of our team and inclusivity are paramount. Along with our dedication to our team, we believe in operating with integrity, ethics, and sustainability as a service provider.

## Goals

Salute endeavors to bring client needs and sustainable practices together while making the best Green Purchasing decisions. Our goal is to utilize products that reduce solid waste, conserve water, and protect natural resources.

Salute is committed to reducing product-based Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) and achieving a net zero or near zero by 2025.





# The Importance of Green Purchasing

As Salute becomes a global leader in Mission Critical Infrastructure Services, we believe it is our duty to exemplify best practices for environmental sustainability.

Sustainable products include using natural resources to fulfill our present needs without affecting the needs of future generations. Consequently, when one considers buying, one should evaluate the adverse environmental impacts associated with the product through its full life cycle.

Effective green purchasing promotes not only environmental benefits but also helps organizational full life-cycle costs and thus saves money. Another benefit of green purchasing is the contribution to Salute's overall Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy.

## Green Purchasing

Salute promotes purchasing products with the lowest Green House Gas production available, provided the products meet acceptable use and performance standards.

Salute will strive to purchase materials that are:

- Durable, as opposed to single-use or disposable
- Non-toxic or minimally toxic, preferably biodegradable
- Highly energy-efficient
- Recyclable or safely disposable
- Made from raw materials obtained in an environmentally sound, sustainable manner
- Manufactured in an environmentally sound manner
- The cause of minimal or no environmental damage during normal use or maintenance
- Shipped with minimal packaging (consistent with the care of the product), preferably made of recycled and/or recyclable materials

Products that meet the above criteria will be considered Green Products.





# Procedures

Salute's sustainability committee establishes guidelines for the organization's Sustainable Practices, including: Protection Practices; Sustainable Operations; Clean Energy Standards; Sustainable Transportation Practices; Recycling and Waste Management; and Environmentally Preferable Procurement.

When applicable, Salute will include a clause in its bidding specifications that includes: "Salute is committed to buying products with recycled content or environmentally sustainable alternatives. Please offer alternatives available for this request and supply all relevant specific information about the product."

## Initiatives

### Copy Paper

Salute prefers to purchase copy paper with at least 30 percent recycled content. Salute moved to a last-resort printing model for e-mails, reports, and other miscellaneous items.

### Apparel

Salute's preference is the purchase of clothing produced using sustainable practices, recycled fibers or sustainably grown fibers.

### Individual Serving Water Bottles

In 2022 Salute switched from individual serving plastic bottles to a filtration system using city water. Salute subsequently reduced emissions caused by delivery and landfill space.

### Office Remodel

In 2022, the remodel of Salute's headquarters included low VOC paint, recycled cubicles, and carbon neutral flooring. These efforts reduced air quality concerns, landfill space, and overall GHG production.

### Electric Carts for Site Staff

In 2022, Salute committed to purchasing electric golf carts at all sites with charging stations. Of the available charging stations, Salute was able to convert 100%.