



## Kaiser Permanente's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Criteria and Third Party Certification Requirements

Kaiser Permanente integrates environmental criteria into the sourcing of products to:

- Reduce and eliminate the use of chemicals of concern used to manufacture products;
- Reduce and eliminate potential exposure of chemicals of concern to employees, patients, and the public;
- Reduce the environmental impact of products when they are manufactured, used, and disposed; and
- Support regulatory compliance.

As part of Kaiser Permanente sourcing processes, environmental criteria are considered in the evaluation and selection of products, along with other criteria including but not limited to clinical performance, assurance of supply, affordability, and service.

Kaiser Permanente has developed an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Standard that is applied in the sourcing of medical and other applicable products that includes specific chemical and waste criteria, as well as an EPP Standard that specifies environmental criteria for furniture and fabrics.

In support of these EPP Standards, Kaiser Permanente integrates credible third-party environmental certifications into sourcing efforts. This includes:

- **EPEAT Certification for Computers and Electronic Equipment.** Computers, servers, monitors, printers, televisions, office imaging equipment, mobile phones, and other Electronic Equipment covered by the EPEAT Registry are required to have EPEAT certification level Bronze or above.
- **ACT<sup>®</sup> Label for Laboratory Equipment.** Laboratory Products are required to have an ACT Label or to self-certify compliance with the Kaiser Permanente EPP standards. Products that have been assessed by My Green Lab and have obtained an ACT Label are considered to be compliant with the Kaiser Permanente EPP Standards and will be scored higher than products that are self-reported as compliant, during the evaluation and sourcing of Laboratory Products.

- **GreenScreen™ Certified for Medical Supplies and Devices.** Products that have GreenScreen certification level Bronze or above will be considered compliant with the Kaiser Permanente EPP Standards and will be scored higher in sourcing efforts than products that are self-reported as compliant. Products that have GreenScreen certification level of Assessed will be scored higher during the sourcing evaluation process than products that are self-reported as non-compliant.
- **GreenScreen™ Certified for Furniture and Fabrics –** Furniture and Fabrics are required to meet the Kaiser Permanente EPP Standard for Furniture and Fabrics. Products that have GreenScreen certification level of Bronze or above will be considered compliant with the Kaiser Permanente EPP Standards and will be scored higher in sourcing efforts than products that are self-reported as compliant. Kaiser Permanente Sourcing Teams may require that products with self-reported compliance also obtain, at a minimum, GreenScreen Assessed level certification.
- **GreenSeal or EcoLogo for Cleaning Products -** Cleaning products are required to have either GreenSeal or EcoLogo certification, or to self-report compliance. Products with GreenSeal or EcoLogo certification will be scored higher during the sourcing evaluation process than products that are not certified, as determined by the Kaiser Permanente Sourcing team.