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Think Before You Buy

Your decision to purchase is your most powerful decision for the environment. Everything we buy will affect the environment and it is important to know how, before you make your decision.

Taking the time to research and choose products or services that are designed and manufactured for the environment is a great way to reduce your impacts.

Purchase from local companies and businesses that make wise decisions that support the environment.



Some things to ask yourself before you buy:

- Is this really needed?
- Will it last a long time?
- Could I borrow it or rent it from someone?
- Can I buy this second-hand or used?
- How did this product affect the environment when it was made?
- How will it affect the environment as I use it, and once I am finished with it?
- Does the product have excessive packaging?
- Does the manufacturer take steps to care for and support the environment?
- Are there opportunities to reuse, recycle or remanufacture the product at the end of its life?
- Does the manufacturer take responsibility for the reuse, remanufacture or recycling of the product at the end of its life?
- Has the product been designed for the environment?

Strive
FOR Wise



Remember that we just borrow from the earth and then give it back. Make how you borrow, and how you give back, support the earth.

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Company _____ Date _____ Delivered by _____

Other topics discussed _____

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QUESTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

RECORD RESPONSES SPECIFIC TO YOUR SITE

1. How can you change what you buy to better support the environment? _____

2. How could you find out if a product you want supports the environment? _____

3. What other things would you consider asking before buying to make the right choice for the environment? _____

2016 Krazy Ideas Contest Update:

We are pleased to announce the winner of the 2016 Krazy Ideas Contest. It is the team from Walker Emulsions Portland! Team members include: Tina Hagel, Misty Kelly and Scott Pittman. They submitted their idea of hiring a herd of goats to remove the blackberries that had taken over a section of their back lot and to help establish the area as a usable space again. Their idea was a great success! Tina, Misty and Scott will be awarded with a celebratory meal of their choice provided by the Environmental Performance Department.

- Other promising ideas submitted this year included:
- Tara Adams, Walker Environmental, suggested growing fruit trees on the Walker Niagara Campus to donate to local food banks and to subsidize the employee fruit program.
 - Andrew Drury from All Treat submitted several ideas including super permeable surfaces, rain water collection, geothermal heating from compost windrows, electronic loaders and non-fossil fuel based lubricants.
 - Also from All Treat, Petra Eschlboeck and Maureen Milne submitted their idea of the incineration of e-waste to divert from landfill, extract resources and to reduce our impacts on the environment.
 - A team from Walker Environmental submitted the idea of collecting and utilizing all onsite water sources to produce renewable energy and clean water. Team members include: Tara Adams, Bobbie Thoman, Dave Thompson and Zowie Vonkalckreuth.
 - Dave Baker from Organic Resource Woodstock submitted the idea of reusing materials onsite to make a garden in front of the building.
 - Samer Elshamy from Organic Resource Leduc submitted his idea of a tire recycling program to reuse the material for multiple purposes onsite or to recycle the tires for bio energy.

We will be meeting with all of the teams over the next few weeks to discuss the implementation of their ideas. Stay tuned to hear more on their progress!

Thank you to each team for submitting their ideas. Great job, everyone!



We are the environment!
commit ■ create ■ participate



Before



After



YOU ARE WONDERFUL!! CONGRATULATIONS!
Clearly no group can, as an entity, create ideas. Only individuals can do this. A group of individuals may, however, stimulate one another in the creation of ideas. Estill J. Green