

Town of Winchendon "Buy Recycled" Policy

WHEREAS, a municipality's interest is served when government agencies can make efficient use of natural resources by maximizing recycling and preventing waste wherever possible; and

WHEREAS, this municipality is determined to strengthen the role of municipal government as an enlightened, environmentally conscious consumer; and

WHEREAS, the use of recycled and environmentally friendly preferable products and services by the municipality can spur private sector development of new technologies and use of such products, thereby creating business and employment opportunities and enhancing regional and local economies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Michael Barbaro, by authority vested in me as Chair of the Board of Selectmen hereby order as follows:

Section 1: By February 1, 2016, the Town will seek to purchase printing and writing paper containing at least 20% post-consumer material, provided that such products provide comparable quality and can be purchased at a comparable price to products made from virgin materials. Bids for such paper must be sought starting immediately upon the completion of current contracts. If more cost effective, said printing and writing paper shall be purchased by the municipality through state contracts.

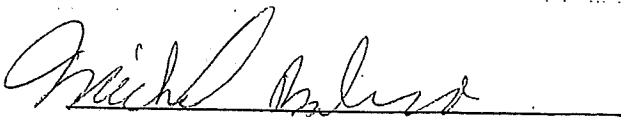
Printing and writing paper refers to high speed copier, offset paper, computer printout paper, carbonless paper, file folders, white woven envelopes, and other uncoated paper.

Section 2: All municipal departments and offices will seek to purchase printing and writing paper with at least 30% post-consumer material by the end of 2016.

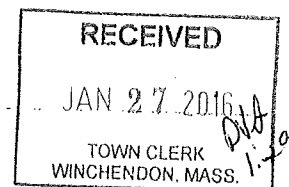
Section 3: The post-consumer content requirements shall apply to all printing and writing paper used for typing, computer printing, and photocopying by municipal departments and offices. All materials bid that are printed for municipal departments or offices by outside vendors will include an option to be printed on paper that contains the required amounts of post-consumer material.

Section 4: All municipal departments and offices shall revise purchasing specifications to reflect the 20 percent and 30 percent post-consumer content requirements for printing and writing paper.

Section 5: This order shall become effective immediately.



Michael Barbaro, Chairman
Board of Selectmen



January 25, 2016
Date