

RIVERDALE PARK

Green Purchasing Policy

The Town of Riverdale Park (TRP) follows a Sustainable Purchasing Policy established by [Resolution 2014-R-07](#) when making purchases for Town supplies and services. The policy has four primary goals:

- (1) Reduction of Hazardous Materials
- (2) Efficient Use of Resources
- (3) Reduction of Waste
- (4) Energy Efficiency

The policy includes a Vendor Preference Statement to “...do business with companies that are locally owned, sell products or services that comply with environmentally preferable purchasing guidelines, produce minimal waste and use recycled products and environmentally preferable purchasing practices.”

Recent examples of the policy in action are described below:

- TRP has discontinued the use of individual desktop printers and employees and instead use a central copier/printer, which greatly reduces the need to purchase additional ink cartridges.
- TRP purchases green office supplies from its primary vendor, Quill, whenever possible, including recycled printer paper (see photo below), recycled napkins, and biodegradable plates.
- TRP’s 2021 budget sets aside \$5,000 for lead-free “green” ammunition that police officers will use when qualifying on their weapons.
- In 2020, TRP has purchased for its employees and visitors “Advance Hand Sanitizer Green Certified Gel.” This hand sanitizer is described as a “refreshing gel made with naturally-renewable ethanol. Meets EcoLogo hand sanitizer standard for environmental leadership and proven performance. Meets the biobased standard for the USDA BioPreferred program.”



In coordination with the reapplication for Sustainable Maryland Certification, TRP re-circulated its Sustainable Purchasing Policy in spring 2020 to alert new staff and remind all staff of the importance of buying green.