

Recap of Environmental Product Certifications (EPC) Workshop and Forest/Paper Product Certifications Meeting



Environmental Product Certifications Workshop:

On Jan 14th, 2016, Susan Kinsella (pictured left), an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) and paper expert, shared her insights on standards, guidelines and certifications, and how to incorporate the latter into procurement decisions and product specifications. Topics included the goals of using certifications (verifying product content and performance, reducing toxicity, and improving air quality); which certifications are preferred for which products (furniture, copy paper, cleaning products, appliances, lumber, and janitorial papers); and “greenwashing.” **Greenwashing includes terms such as “eco-friendly” or “green,” which sound nice but are so vague as to be meaningless.**

Forest/Paper Product Certifications Meeting:

On Jan 26th, 2016, the CEO and Secretary General of the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Council (PEFC), a global organization, discussed the process by which forests and products derived from them attain PEFC certification.



Get the full details on NORCOPY, one of the copy paper brands the City uses and that is PEFC Certified. Visit the PEFC website (www.pefc.org), select the “Find Certified / Certificates” link in the upper right hand corner, and enter NORCOPY’s PEFC certification number: 21-31-08.

Save the Date

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Training and Office Products Fair

Thursday, Apr 7th, 2016 | 9am – 11:30am | Griffith Park Visitor’s Center (4730 Crystal Springs Dr.)

- Learn the basics: EPP Ordinance, EPP products under contract, upcoming bids, service contracts, certifications recap, addressing barriers, future workshops and Q&A
- Displays and samples of EPP office products from Office Depot and its vendors

Space is limited. For more information or to register, please email greenpurchasing@lacity.org
Please note “EPP Training” in the subject line.

Test Your Recycling Knowledge and Win (see next page)



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Questions or comments about R,R,R, Zero Waste, EPP or this newsletter?

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<http://san/srcrd/cfrp/recycling.htm>



Send Season's Greetings Year-Round

Please Donate
Your Used Cards
for Children's Art Projects

Donation bin locations

*City Hall (Main St. entrance—opposite ATM)

*City Hall East (Los Angeles St. entrance—former pay phone area)

*City Hall South Lobby

*Public Works Building (5th floor—alcove near restrooms;
10th floor—north of elevator lobby)

Or gray mail all types of cards year-round
to CFRP at MS #944

Seasons
Greetings

Happy Hanukkah

Recycling Quiz

Which of these paper items IS recyclable?

- A. Post-its™
- B. Envelopes with plastic padding
- C. Greeting cards with shiny or gold foil coatings
- D. Napkins

Email your answer to san.cfrp@lacity.org by Friday, March 11, for a chance to win a recycled-content prize. Please note "contest" in the subject line and provide your Department name and Mail Stop.

Reuse Practices: Bubble Wrap

Plastic bubble wrap and air pillow packaging are not recyclable in the blue bin, because adhesives used to seal the sheets of plastic are not recyclable. Consider reusing bubble wrap and air packaging in these ways:



Protect kitchen-ware



Insulate any food bag or box



Insulate windows during winter