

AN ECO-PROCUREMENT CHECKLIST



It can be hard finding the right green supplier, service provider, venue or product. A good starting point is knowing which questions to ask. Like these ones.

1. **Do they have certification?** (Certification labels show that an independent third-party has verified they meet a strict minimum standard.)

2. **Do they have an environmental policy?**

3. **Do they have a CSI programme or do they support any social causes?**

4. **What is the company doing to manage its resources efficiency?** How do they reduce their water and electricity use, and minimise their waste output?

5. **What environmentally friendly features does their product have?** Consider:

- Where is it made? (Local is usually preferable to imported.)
- Who makes it? (Greening encompasses social upliftment, so a great green example is a project that provides on the job training in an impoverished community.)
- What materials is it made from? (Ideally these should be sustainable and non-toxic. Examples include things like bamboo which is fast growing and uses little water, or recycled materials that help to keep waste out of landfill.)
- What will happen at the end of its life? (Does it become waste, or can it be re-used, composted or recycled? And will you be able to re-use, compost or recycle it?)

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