

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3 OF 2005

WHEREAS, the conservation of energy and natural resources, whenever possible, will simultaneously reduce the amount of pollutants and nonrecoverable wastes released into the environment, as well as slow the ongoing depletion of energy source materials and other natural resources; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order No. 9-2002, I implemented a policy recommending the purchase and utilization of products that meet ENERGY STAR requirements, or other high energy-efficiency standards, by the County of Westchester wherever the price of such products is reasonably competitive and the quality adequate for the purposed intended; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of my environmental protection policies and practices, and in an effort to provide leadership in the field of resources conservation and energy-efficiency, I have determined that it is in the best interests of the County to expand on the policy set forth in Executive Order No. 9-2002 by formally enacting an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program which favors the procurement of a broader range of products provided that they are more environmentally-sound and/or energy-efficient than other competing products, to the extent feasible under all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ANDREW J. SPANO, County Executive of the County of Westchester, in light of the aforementioned and in accordance with my statutory duties, do hereby order that: (1) wherever the price is reasonably competitive and the quality adequate for the purpose intended, purchase and utilization of Environmentally Preferable Products, as defined and in accordance with the procedures set forth herein, is recommended and (2) where feasible, Environmentally Preferable Products purchasing standards shall be developed by the County Purchasing Office, in conjunction with those County administrative departments which engage in purchasing decisions, and implemented in a consistent and uniform manner in accordance with the standards set forth herein.

Westchester County Environmentally Preferable Products Purchasing Policy

I. Purpose.

This policy has been established to create a procedure whereby the purchase and utilization of products by the County of Westchester will take into account both the energy-efficiency and environmental-soundness of such products.

II. Definitions.

A. “Environmentally Preferable Products” shall mean products that have a lesser impact on human health and the environment when compared with competing products that serve the same purpose, including but not limited to those products which meet the ENERGY STAR requirements for energy efficiency as set forth in Executive Order No. 9-2002. The comparison specified herein may consider raw materials acquisition; production; manufacturing; packaging; distribution; reuse; operation; maintenance or disposal of the product, as well as the extent to which comparable products contribute to/detract from the production of waste and/or the creation of reusable materials; the use of energy; the use of water; greenhouse gas emissions; indoor air quality; and the presence of hazardous materials in the ground, water and/or atmosphere.

B. “Environmentally Preferable Products Purchasing Agent/s” shall mean the person or persons so designated in each County administrative department which engages in the purchase of products to perform the duties specified herein.

III. Application.

This policy shall apply to all purchases made by and for the County of Westchester in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

IV. Procedure.

A. Whenever the price is reasonably competitive and the quality adequate for the purpose intended, the purchase and utilization of Environmentally Preferable Products is hereby recommended; and

B. Environmentally Preferable Products purchasing standards shall be developed, to the extent feasible, by the County Purchasing Office in conjunction with those County administrative departments which engage in purchasing, and implemented in a consistent and uniform manner thereby in order to ensure the standardization of this Environmentally Preferable Products Purchasing Policy in Westchester County; and

C. The Environmentally Preferable Products Purchasing Agent/s shall coordinate the implementation of this policy in their respective departments; collect data on the Environmentally Preferable Products purchasing decisions made in such departments; and annually report to the County Purchasing Office and the County Executive describing the progress of such Agent/s in implementing this policy, including: (1) the quantities, costs, and types of Environmentally Preferable Products purchased; (2) a summary of savings achieved thereby; and (3) recommendations, if any, for policy revisions in furtherance of the purposes outlined herein.

V. Executive Order No. 9-2002 Superseded.

Executive Order No. 9-2002 is hereby superseded by the enactment of this Executive Order.

VI. Effective Date

This Executive Order shall take effect on the date hereof, and shall remain in effect until otherwise superseded, repealed, modified or revoked.

ANDREW J. SPANO
County Executive

Dated: _____, 2005
White Plains, New York