GreenNY Specification: Mops

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Specifications

Covered Products

- Dry mops
- Dust mops
- Flat mops
- Spin mops
- Wet mops

Exclusions

- Robotic and electric mops
- Brooms and brushes, see GreenNY Specification: Brooms and Brushes
- Cleaning cloths, see GreenNY Specification: Cloths and Wiping Rags
- Floor polishers and burnishers, see GreenNY Specification: Floor Polishing Equipment
- Floor scrubbers, see GreenNY Specification: Floor Scrubbing Equipment
- Sponges and scrubbers, see GreenNY Specification: Sponges and Scrubbers

Minimum Requirements

Products MUST have the following sustainability attributes:

- Not labeled as containing vinyl (or polyvinyl chloride, PVC)
- Not labeled with a California Prop 65 Warning
- Mop heads, pads, and cloths:
    - Detachable and replaceable
    - Not labeled “disposable” or non-launderable
    - Not labeled “antimicrobial” nor claim to kill bacteria, viruses, or other pathogens
    - Not labeled as containing cleaning chemicals, including but not limited to soaps
    - Have one or more of the following attributes:
        - Green Seal Certified
        - 10% post-consumer recycled content (PCRC) or higher
        - 100% total recycled content (TRC)
        - Made of microfiber

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Additional Desirable Attributes

Products are ENCOURAGED to have one or more of the following sustainability attributes:

- Mop heads, pads, and cloths:
  - Greater than 10% PCRC
  - Plastic-free
- Mop handles and frames:
  - Plastic-free
  - Made from:
    - Bamboo
    - Metal
    - Wood
- Made by a Certified B Corp
- Made in the USA

Product Compliance with NY State Sustainability Policies

Products meeting the minimum requirements of this GreenNY specification comply with the following NY state sustainability policies:

- Executive Order 22: Leading by Example: Directing State Agencies to Adopt a Sustainability and Decarbonization Program
- Pollution Prevention Policy
- Purchase of Recycled Commodities for State Use

Resources

- GreenNY Sustainable Purchasing Definitions
- NY State Sustainability Policies
- GreenNY Sustainability Certifications and Standards

Sample Contract Language

To support compliance with NYS policies and GreenNY procurement requirements, contract managers are encouraged to incorporate the GreenNY Sample Contract Language into bid solicitations and contracts. The GreenNY sample contract language covers the following topics:

- GreenNY Sales Reporting

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- Packaging Language
- Product Labeling per GreenNY Specifications
- Takeback Services
- Verification of Vendor Compliance with GreenNY Requirements and Documentation of Desirable Attributes and Other Environmental Claims

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Definitions

- **Disposable** – A product designed to be discarded after one use and is not intended to be washed or laundered.
- **Launderable** – The ability for a product to be washed or laundered in a washing machine without a reduction in product quality or functionality.
- **Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)** – A type of plastic (also called "vinyl" or #3 plastic) made up of vinyl chloride molecules linked together. Vinyl chloride is classified as a reasonably anticipated human carcinogen by the National Toxicology Program (NTP). Additives commonly found in PVC include, but are not limited to, plasticizers (e.g., phthalates) and heavy metals (e.g., lead, cadmium). PVC is commonly found in packaging, carpeting and flooring, building materials, medical equipment, office supplies, food service ware, and more.
- **Post-Consumer Recycled Content (PCRC)** – A material that has served its intended use and has been collected in a municipal or commercial recycling program and incorporated into new materials or products. PCRC does not include pre-consumer recycled content (also referred to as post-industrial recycled content), which is material diverted from the waste stream during the manufacturing process.
- **Total Recycled Content (TRC)** – The sum of post-consumer and pre-consumer recycled content.

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