

Proposed additions to the to the County's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy from the Operations committee, June 10, 2022

1) Use of Treated Wood in indoor or outdoor applications

In Section 3, either in Green Building section or Toxics and Pollutants section:

- Contra Costa County will use treated wood without chromium, arsenic and pentachlorophenol for applications specifying treat wood
- To the extent practicable, Contra Costa County shall purchase alternatives to treated wood in indoor and outdoor applications
- If no practicable alternatives to treated wood are available for an intended use, Contra Costa County shall purchase the least-toxic treated wood that that meets the specifications of the intended use, based on criteria developed by the County.

2) Use of products potentially containing PFAS (per- and poly- fluoroalkyl substances)

In section 3 in the Toxics and Pollutants section

- Contra Costa County shall purchase disposable food ware, including, but not limited to, serving vessels, eating utensils, straws, food boxes, and disposable plates, bowls, or trays that does not contain PFAS that has been intentionally added to the product or is at or above 100 parts per million, as measured in total organic fluorine, as determined by a third-party certification system such as GreenScreen Certified.
- Contra Costa shall purchase materials designated as compostable only if the third-party certification system used to certify materials as compostable requires that the materials be free of intentionally added PFAS or the product is at or above 100 parts per million, as measured in total organic fluorine, such as the Biodegradable Products Institute.
- Contra Costa County shall purchase products to the extent possible that do not contain PFAS that has been intentionally added to the product or is at or above 100 parts per million, as measured in total organic fluorine, as determined by a third-party certification system such as GreenScreen Certified.