

## SENATE RESOLUTION #2021

**Title:** Purchase and Use of Recycled/Tree Free Paper

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**Sponsors:** Senators Fisher and Kirkbride

1. WHEREAS, the Earth, including the United States, has already lost a
2. significant percentage of its old growth forests; and
3. WHEREAS, old growth forests and tropical forests have important ecological
4. values, as well as an aesthetic value; and
5. WHEREAS, the natural resources of Wyoming are in the common interest of
6. all people, who as trustees of these limited resources, shall preserve them for
7. the benefit of all people, including future generations; and
8. WHEREAS, the growth of Wyoming's economy and the quality of life,
9. health, and safety of its citizens are dependent on the careful stewardship of
10. natural resources and the protection of the environment; and
11. WHEREAS, the daily activities and operations of the University of Wyoming
12. (UW) have a significant impact on the quality of Wyoming's environment and
13. use of its natural resources; and
14. WHEREAS, UW is a highly visible model for Wyoming's citizens,
15. businesses, industries, and local governments; and
16. WHEREAS, UW can demonstrate leadership by incorporating
17. environmentally sustainable practices into its operations that preserve natural
18. resources, conserve energy, eliminate waste and lessen overall environmental

19. impact; and

20. WHEREAS, source reduction, reuse and recycling constitute a key

21. component of environmental sustainability directed at keeping Wyoming's

22. economy strong for future generations; and

23. WHEREAS, UW is a large consumer of goods and services, which impact the

24. quality of the environment in the course of their manufacture, use and

25. disposal; and

26. WHEREAS, the procurement of environmentally sound goods and services by

27. UW can serve to protect health and safety, reduce energy consumption,

28. conserve natural resources, prevent pollution and promote markets for

29. recyclable materials; and

30. WHEREAS, UW recognizes that in the next few years, new technology will

31. likely bring down the price of tree free and recycled paper, as well as provide

32. for a wide variety of new options such as old-growth-free and chain-of-

33. custody tracking of all wood and paper products.

34. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of

35. Wyoming that UW be encouraged to purchase paper that meets as many of the

36. following criteria as possible (for potential purchasing options see Addendum

37. A), with the spirit of this policy insisting on meeting all of the attached

38. qualifications (see Addendum B); and

39. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that if a source that meets all of the

40. required criteria is not currently available at a quality suitable for copy

41. machines and printers (even after updating equipment), UW is not encouraged

42. to purchase paper that contains less than 30% post-consumer recycled content;  
43. and  
44. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that of other paper products, including  
45. paper towels and toilet paper, UW is encouraged to purchase only those  
46. products that contain recycled content or are tree free; and  
47. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that UW is encouraged to explore the use  
48. of alternative tree free paper products.

**Referred to:** Student Issues Committee

**Date of Passage:** December 10, 2002

**Signed:**

Lou Reed  
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on December 13, 2002, I do hereby sign my name hereto and  
approve this Senate action.”

Keith Egg  
ASUW President

Addendum A

Current available prices for consumers

**Supplier:**

TREECYCLE Recycled Paper  
Bozeman, Montana

**Product 1:**

Envirographic 100: 1 carton (5000 sheets of paper) at \$43.95 (\$.0082 a sheet)

**Product 2:**

Eureka! 100: 1 carton at \$49.95 (\$.00999 a sheet)

Note: Both products are 8.5 x 11, white, 20#, 100% post-consumer & chlorine-free bleaching

**Product 3:**

Envirographic 100: 1 carton at \$52.95 (\$.01059 a sheet)

Note: Product is 8.5 x 11, white, 24/60#, 100% post-consumer & chlorine-free bleaching

*For a complete list of prices and products see <http://www.treecycle.com>*

TREECYCLE offers discounts on shipping and/or bulk orders.

## Addendum B

### **Paper Criteria**

1. All purchases must contain at least 30% or greater post-consumer recycled content, effective immediately. Over the next 5 years, UW meets the following goals so that by the end of 2008, UW purchases only 100% post-consumer recycled paper or tree free paper.
  - For fiscal year 2005-2006, 50% dollar value of total paper purchases contain 100% post-consumer recycled or tree free content.
  - For fiscal year 2006-2007, 75% dollar value of total paper purchases contain 100% post-consumer recycled or tree free content.
  - For fiscal year 2007-2008, 100% dollar value of total paper purchases contain 100% post-consumer recycled or tree free content.
2. Is certified as Totally Chlorine Free (TCF) or, if not available, Elemental Chlorine Free (ECF).
3. The supplier certifies in writing that any virgin fiber in the paper is not originating from old growth forests.
4. Only contains virgin fiber that comes from a forestry operation that is certified as sustainable. The certifying organization must be an independent, non-profit, non-industry, non-government organization accredited by the Certified Forest Products Council, such as the Forest Stewardship Council. (Note: If this qualification is met, then so is #2, as long as the organization is accredited by the Certified Forest Products Council).

Note: Steps 3 and 4 can be skipped entirely if all paper purchased by UW is 100% post-consumer recycled or tree free paper.