



GREEN BREAKROOM SUPPLY PURCHASING GUIDE (AMAZON BUSINESS)



SUSTAINABILITY OPPORTUNITY


Stanford University spends millions of dollars each year on office equipment and the energy used to power these devices. Help your department reduce its carbon footprint by purchasing one of these suggested items (through [Amazon Business](#) for best prices and variety). These items have been vetted for sustainable materials and/or energy conservation.




SUSTAINABILITY KEY: Products fall into 1 of 5 categories (least to most sustainable): Not Green, Meets Eco-Norms, Light Green, Mid-Green, and Dark Green. Products claiming unverified green attributes (e.g. carbon-balanced manufacturing, made with less packaging, made with renewable energy, non-GMO) are categorized as Supporting Green Claims. This system is based on Office Depot’s Shades of Green sustainability framework.

Sustainability Key	
Most sustainable	🌿🌿🌿
Satisfactory/Average	🌿🌿
Significant room for improvement	🌿















Cost Key	
Most Expensive	\$\$\$
Mid-Range	\$\$
Least Expensive	\$





COMPOSTABLE CUPS

Mid-Green		
Eco-Products GreenStripe Renewable & Compostable Cold Cups (\$0.10/cup, 16-oz size)	Certified Compostable: 🌿🌿🌿	 URL: http://a.co/diXQksC
	Plant-Based Material: 🌿🌿🌿	
	Cost: \$	
	Bonus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Made w/ Renewable Resources Saves \$0.02/cup compared to unsustainable alternative 	





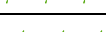

Light Green		
Eco-Products World Art Renewable & Compostable Hot Cups (\$0.10/cup, 16-oz size)	Certified Compostable: 	 URL: http://a.co/1EQkno4
	Plant-Based Material: 	
	Cost: \$	
	Bonus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made w/ Renewable Resources • Saves \$0.10/cup compared to unsustainable alternative 	

COMPOSTABLE PLATES AND BOWLS




Mid-Green		
Chinet Premium 8 3/4-Inch Paper Plates (\$0.51/plate)	Certified Compostable: 	 URL: http://a.co/bqdh5AP
	Recycled OR Plant-Based Material: 	
	Cost: \$\$\$	
Stalkmarket 100% Compostable Sugar Cane Fiber Soup Bowl (\$0.09/bowl)	Certified Compostable: 	 URL: http://a.co/14PyQHc
	Recycled OR Plant-Based Material: 	
	Cost: \$	
	Bonus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saves \$0.01/bowl compared to unsustainable alternative 	
Naturally Chic - Disposable Eco Palm Paper Bowls (\$0.68/bowl for 7" size)	Certified Compostable: 	 URL: http://a.co/8LavEym
	Recycled OR Plant-Based Material: 	
	Cost: \$\$\$	
Light Green		
Eco-Products Compostable Sugarcane Plates (\$0.10/plate for 7" size)	Certified Compostable: 	 URL: http://a.co/OWiFzLk
	Recycled OR Plant-Based Material: 	
	Cost: \$	
	Bonus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made w/ Renewable Resources • Saves \$0.02/plate compared to unsustainable alternative 	
SOLO HP10BR- 2054 Bare Eco- Forward Heavy	Certified Compostable: 	
	Recycled OR Plant-Based Material: 	
	Cost: \$\$	


Weight Clay-Coated Paper Plate (\$0.22/plate)	Bonus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Made w/ Renewable Resources 	 URL: http://a.co/9cBQV6d
SOLO HB12B-J7234 Bare Eco-Forward Heavyweight Clay-Coated Paper Bowl (\$0.15/bowl)	Certified Compostable:  Recycled OR Plant-Based Material:  Cost: \$\$ Bonus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Made w/ Renewable Resources 	 URL: http://a.co/OQICSHL

COMPOSTABLE UTENSILS







Mid-Green		
Eco-Products - Renewable & Compostable Forks/Spoons/Knives (\$0.06/fork; \$0.07/spoon; \$0.07/knife)	Certified Compostable:  Recycled OR Plant-Based Material:  Cost: \$\$ Bonus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sourced from Renewable Materials 	 URL: http://a.co/1YEfNdN
Light Green		
Disposable Cutlery & Flatware - by EcoMojiWare.com (\$9.98/set of 100)	Certified Compostable:  Recycled OR Plant-Based Material:  Cost: \$\$\$	 URL: http://a.co/fEX4eRt

DISPOSABLE STRAWS







Mid-Green		
Eco-Products 7.75" Green PLA Straw, Wrapped (\$0.06/straw)	Certified Compostable:  Recycled OR Plant-Based Material:  Cost: \$\$	 URL: http://a.co/0b1HOUl
Light Green		

Aardvark Paper Straws Jumbo Straw Unwrapped Paper Product (\$0.17/straw)	Certified Compostable: 	URL: http://a.co/fxrixqA 
	Recycled OR Plant-Based Material: 	
	Cost: \$\$\$	

















HAND SANITIZER/WASH

Light Green		
PURELL 509103 Advanced Green Certified Instant Hand Sanitizer Gel (\$0.36/fl oz)	Biodegradable: 	 URL: http://a.co/4ADBcS8
	Recycled/Recyclable Content: 	
	Certifications: EcoLogo, USDA BioPreferred	
	Cost: \$\$	
	Bonus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saves \$0.45/fl oz compared to unsustainable alternative 	
Method Gel Hand Wash, Sweet Water (\$0.22/fl oz)	Biodegradable: 	 URL: http://a.co/g8k1o12
	Recycled/Recyclable Content: 	
	Cost: \$	
	Bonus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saves \$1.33/bottle compared to unsustainable alternative 	

DISH SOAP AND SUPPLIES

Light Green		
Seventh Generation Natural Dish Liquid, Free & Clear Unscented (\$0.12/fl oz)	Biodegradable: 	 URL: http://a.co/eqUq4KQ
	Recycled/Recyclable Content: 	
	Certifications: None	
	Cost: \$	
	Bonus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saves \$0.04/fl oz compared to unsustainable alternative 	
Method Naturally Derived Dish Soap Pump, Honeycrisp Apple (\$0.16/fl oz)	Biodegradable: 	 URL: http://a.co/9pnpS1k
	Recycled/Recyclable Content: 	
	Certifications: USDA Certified Biobased	
	Cost: \$	
	Bonus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saves \$0.07/fl oz compared to unsustainable alternative 	

CLEANER AND DISINFECTANT



Light Green			
Clorox Green Works Natural Bathroom Cleaner (\$0.40/fl oz)	Biodegradable:		 URL: http://a.co/buU7SDg
	Non-toxic:		
	Recycled/Recyclable Content:		
	Cost: \$\$\$		
Seventh Generation, Free & Clear All-Purpose Cleaner (\$0.09/fl oz)	Biodegradable:		 URL: http://a.co/7dOjLhn
	Non-toxic:		
	Recycled/Recyclable Content:		
	Cost: \$		
Bonus:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saves \$0.08/fl oz compared to unsustainable alternative 			
Method Naturally Derived Glass + Surface Spray, Waterfall (\$3.79/bottle)	Biodegradable:		 URL: http://a.co/hkCkYj
	Non-toxic:		
	Recycled/Recyclable Content:		
	Cost: \$\$		
Meets Eco-Norms			
Pure Green 24 Disinfectant (\$0.49/fl oz)	Biodegradable:		 URL: http://a.co/czUXeIU
	Non-toxic:		
	Recycled/Recyclable Content:		
	Cost: \$\$\$		
Bonus:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognized as a ChildSafe product by Grassroots Environmental Education 			





SPONGES

Dark Green		
Scotch-Brite Greener Clean	Recycled Material:	
	Plant-Based Material:	
	USDA Certified Organic:	

<p>Natural Fiber Non-Scratch Scrub Sponge</p> <p>(\$0.83/sponge)</p>	<p>Cost: \$\$</p>	 <p>URL: http://a.co/cgErz4C</p>
<p>Full Circle Neat Nut Walnut Shell Scouring Pads, Non-Scratch</p> <p>(\$1.45/sponge)</p>	<p>Recycled Material: </p> <p>Plant-Based Material: </p> <p>USDA Certified Organic: </p> <p>Cost: \$\$\$</p>	 <p>URL: http://a.co/8JHjtX</p>
Mid-Green		
<p>Natural Value Walnut Scrubber Sponge</p> <p>(\$1.04/sponge)</p>	<p>Recycled Material: </p> <p>Plant-Based Material: </p> <p>USDA Certified Organic: </p> <p>Cost: \$\$\$</p>	 <p>URL: http://a.co/6mGswdt</p>
<p>Natural Value Dual Surface Cellulose Sponges</p> <p>(\$0.51/sponge)</p>	<p>Recycled Material: </p> <p>Plant-Based Material: </p> <p>USDA Certified Organic: </p> <p>Cost: \$</p>	 <p>URL: http://a.co/gG64whQ</p>

TEA, COFFEE AND SWEETENER

Mid-Green		
<p>Organic Guatemala Huehuetenango Fair Trade Coffee</p> <p>(\$8.19/lb)</p>	<p>Cost: \$\$</p> <p>Certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fair Trade Certified 	 <p>URL: http://a.co/1EQI5bh</p>
<p>ECOTEAS Organic Yerba Mate Unsmoked Tea</p> <p>(\$13.58/lb)</p>	<p>Cost: \$</p> <p>Certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fair Trade Certified Non-GMO Project Verified 	 <p>URL: http://a.co/hJPJsuk</p>

Organic Flavored Green Tea (\$0.24/tea bag)	Cost: \$	 URL: http://a.co/9EjLFZ9
Wholesome Sweeteners Organic Raw Blue Agave (\$0.23/oz)	Cost: \$ Certifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair Trade Certified • Non-GMO Project Verified 	 URL: http://a.co/crRI8lv
Light Green USDA Certified Organic K-Cups		
EKOCUPS Artisan Organic Dark Coffee K-Cups (\$0.55/count)	Cost: \$\$ Certifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair Trade Certified Bonus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recyclable Single Serve Cups 	 URL: http://a.co/bmK4LrU
San Francisco Bay OneCup, Organic Rainforest Blend (\$0.41/count)	Cost: \$	 URL: http://a.co/2DSvieK

SNACKS




Purchasing in bulk when possible is always a more sustainable option.

There are **two considerations** to make in purchasing sustainable snacks, in order of priority:


- (1) **Reducing packaging waste (most sustainable)**
- (2) **Buying biodynamic and organic whenever possible (more sustainable)**

The first part of the snack section prioritizes waste reduction, listing examples of the most sustainable snacks. The second part lists snacks that do not specifically reduce waste, but which still have biodynamic/organic certifications.

REDUCED WASTE/BULK SNACKS

Nature's Path Love Crunch Premium Organic Granola, Dark Chocolate and Red Berries, 26.4 Ounce (\$0.51/oz)	Waste-Reduction Attributes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature's Path Foods has achieved Zero-Waste manufacturing certification Bulk packaging 	
	Certifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USDA Certified Organic Non-GMO Project Verified 	
	Cost: \$\$\$	
Nature's Path Organic Mesa Sunrise Cereal with Raisins Eco Pac, 29.1 Ounce (\$0.28/oz)	Waste-Reduction Attributes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature's Path Foods has achieved Zero-Waste manufacturing certification Bulk packaging 	
	Certifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USDA Certified Organic Non-GMO Project Verified 	
	Cost: \$\$	
Nature's Path Organic Frosted Maple Brown Sugar Toaster Pastries, 6-count (\$0.59/pastry)	Waste-Reduction Attributes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature's Path Foods has achieved Zero-Waste manufacturing certification 	
	Certifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USDA Certified Organic Non-GMO Project Verified Fair Trade 	
	Cost: \$\$\$	
		URL: http://a.co/4yw6kAl
		URL: http://a.co/a6genN2
		URL: http://a.co/5mxkTOL

CERTIFIED BIODYNAMIC/ORGANIC SNACKS

Dark Green Certified Biodynamic ¹		
Biodynamic - Organic Dried Mango (\$1.19/oz)	Cost: \$\$\$	
	Other Certifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USDA Certified Organic 	
		URL: http://a.co/4GvrPVP

¹ The Biodynamic Certification system was developed as a measure of agricultural sustainability by the Demeter Association, Inc. A biodynamic farm is “minimally dependant [sic] on imported materials, and instead meets its needs from the living dynamics of the farm itself. It is the biodiversity of the farm, organized so that the waste of one part of the farm becomes the energy for another, that results in an increase in the farm’s capacity for self-renewal and ultimately makes the farm sustainable,” according to their website. For more information visit <http://www.demeter-usa.org/learn-more/biodynamic-principles-practices.asp>.

<p>White Leaf Provisions Biodynamic Apple & Pear Sauce</p> <p>(\$2.12/count)</p>	<p>Cost: \$\$\$</p>	 <p>URL: http://a.co/8vA7hWB</p>
<p>Mid-Green USDA Certified Organic</p>		
<p>Cascadian Farm Organic Granola</p> <p>(((\$0.28/oz)</p>	<p>Cost: \$</p>	 <p>URL: http://a.co/hAilHhJ</p>
<p>Cascadian Farm Organic Granola Bars</p> <p>(\$0.36/oz)</p>	<p>Cost: \$</p> <p>Other Certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-GMO Project Verified 	 <p>URL: http://a.co/4sPii7f</p>
<p>Peeled Snacks Organic Original Apple Clusters</p> <p>(\$2.74/oz)</p>	<p>Cost: \$</p> <p>Other Certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-GMO Project Verified 	 <p>URL: http://a.co/7iQbioQ</p>
<p>RW Garcia Organic 3 Seed Sweet Potato Crackers</p> <p>(\$0.67/oz)</p>	<p>Cost: \$\$</p> <p>Other Certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-GMO Project Verified 	 <p>URL: http://a.co/5MZYZ9B</p>

<p>365 Everyday Value, Organic Sea Salt Potato Chips</p> <p>(\$0.54/oz)</p>	<p>Cost: \$\$</p>	 <p>URL: http://a.co/hqZICKv</p>
<p>Back To Nature Organic, Non GMO, Stoneground Wheat Crackers</p> <p>(\$0.50/oz)</p>	<p>Cost: \$\$</p> <p>Other Certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-GMO Project Verified 	 <p>URL: http://a.co/gUTtsJh</p>
<p>Annie's Homegrown Organic Cheddar Bunnies</p> <p>(\$1.00/oz)</p>	<p>Cost: \$\$\$</p>	 <p>URL: http://a.co/6IXHOvc</p>
<p>Barnana Organic Chewy Banana Bites</p> <p>(\$1.33/oz)</p>	<p>Cost: \$\$\$</p> <p>Other Certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-GMO Project Verified 	 <p>URL: http://a.co/gJHOKui</p>
<p>Alter Eco Americas Organic Chocolate Bar</p> <p>(\$1.28/oz)</p>	<p>Cost: \$\$\$</p>	 <p>URL: http://a.co/coBz5oY</p>
Supporting Green Claims		
<p>Cost: \$\$\$</p>		

This Bar Saves Lives, All-Natural Gluten Free Whole Food Energy Snack Bar

(\$1.51/oz)

Attributes:

- For every bar purchased, food is donated to a child in need.
- Fair Trade, Non-GMO, Bee-Friendly



URL: <http://a.co/OMOuuZi>

MORE INFORMATION

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