



Massachusetts Buy Recycled Business Alliance Recycled Product Bulletin

Introduction

From scissors to desk accessories, consider buying recycled for all of your office needs! There are many retail stores, office super stores, and catalog supply companies that sell recycled office products. When purchasing ask for the recycled alternative. If you are having difficulty locating a specific product call the Alliance at 617-236-7715 or 413-445-4556.

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Remanufactured Computer Diskettes

Introduction

Diskette remanufacturers refurbish **unused** software disks from manufacturers, companies and institutions. These unused software disks are magnetically erased, reformatted and relabeled. Diskette remanufacturers typically recycle the shrink-wrap, box and manual of the outdated software.

Quality

Only high quality disks are used for software, hence the remanufactured diskettes are also high quality. Typically the remanufactured diskettes pass three quality control tests (original manufacturer, software publisher, and remanufacturer.)

Cost

A remanufactured diskette can cost from 20% - 40% less than virgin disks.

Availability

The remanufactured diskettes may be purchased directly from the manufacturers or through their distributors. (Refer to the suppliers list below.)

Benefits

Purchasing the remanufactured computer disks reduces the volume of outdated software and computer diskettes that would otherwise be landfilled or incinerated. Out of the 4 - 5 billion computer diskettes manufactured each year, as many as 1 - 2 billion are used for program software. Many of these diskettes become obsolete and would be discarded as new software versions or updates are purchased.

Recycling Diskettes

Diskette refurbishers will tailor a diskette recycling program to suit the needs of your company. To recycle your computer diskettes, contact Greenbrier Associates in Billerica, MA - 508-670-8141 or GreenDisk in Preston, WA - 800-305-3475.

Computer Supplies

Computer Diskettes	Greenbrier Associates	Billerica	508-670-8141
Computer Diskettes	Recycled Office Products, Inc.	Peabody	800-814-1100
Computer Diskettes	Lacerta Group, Inc.	Boston	617-386-8952
Computer Diskettes	Wilson Associates	Billerica	508-667-1234
Computer Reel-9 Track	Lacerta Group, Inc.	Boston	617-386-8952
Computer Tape	Media Recovery	Canton	617-821-2350

This list of suppliers was obtained from the *Massachusetts Recycled Products Suppliers Directory*. The Massachusetts Buy Recycled Business Alliance does not endorse any of the suppliers listed or claim that this is an exhaustive list of suppliers. We do not assume any responsibility for errors or omissions.

Non-Paper Office Products

A Sampling of Recycled Content Non-Paper Office Products

The table below lists a variety of recycled office products available, the manufacturer, brand name and recycled content. **Ask your suppliers** about these products and encourage them to stock recycled content office products. **If you're having difficulty locating any of these products through your supplier, call the Alliance at 617-236-7715 or 413-445-4556.**

Promotional Products
Promote your company and its environmental commitment. Order promotional products (tee shirts, mugs, pens, pencils) that contain recycled materials.

What does post-consumer content mean? If a product contains post-consumer materials, then that product has been made in whole or in part from materials that have been purchased, used and subsequently recycled by consumers. Post-consumer materials include office paper, newspapers, steel cans, plastic and glass bottles and more.

Product	Manufacturer	Brand Name	Recycled Content
Clipboards, plastic	Saunders	n/a	15% post-consumer
Desk Accessories	Newell Office Products Group	Regeneration/Perspectives	25% post-consumer
Desk Accessories	Rubbermaid Office Products, Inc.	Form 1000 Recycled	25% post-consumer
Desk Accessories	Rogers	Regeneration	25% post-consumer
Chair Mats	Rubbermaid Office Products, Inc.	Rubbermaid	10% post-consumer
Envelopes, Tyvek	Poly Pak America, Inc.	Duralite	25% post-consumer
Mouse Pads	Buddy Products	Classic Collection	100% post-consumer
Note Pad Holder	Samsill Corporation	190 Series	43% post-consumer
Office Products, Steel	Buddy Product's	Mirage, Buddy Products	50% post-onsumer*
Paper Clips, #1/giant gem	Labelon/NOESTING, Inc.	RECYCLIPS	25% post-consumer*
Pencils	Sanford/Faber	American Ecowriter	100% recycled
Pencils	Sanford/Faber	Recycled Pencil	60% post-consumer
Pencils	Sanford/Berol	Eagle Recycled	100% post-consumer
Pens	Discas	Wheelys	50% recycled tires
Pens	Amazing Recycled Products	n/a	75% post-consumer
Portfolio	Duo-Tang, Inc.	Duo-Tang	100% recycled
Post-it Tape Flags Dispenser	3M	n/a	50% post-consumer
Push Pins	Discas	AmerAgain	60% post-consumer
Report Covers	Duo-Tang, Inc.	Duo-Tang	100% post-consumer
Ring Binders	ACCO USA, Inc.	Wilson Jones	10-50% post-consumer
Ring Binders, plastic	Avery Dennison's	UltraTUF Binders	45% post-consumer
Ring Binders, vinyl	Samsill Corporation	190 Series	35% post-consumer
Rulers	Acme United Corporation	KLEEN EARTH	30% post-consumer
Scissors	Acme United Corporation	KLEEN EARTH	30% post-consumer
Sheet Protectors	C-Line Products	C-Line	70% post-industrial
Transparencies, Audio/Visual	3M	3M Film	25% post-consumer
Wrist Pads	Buddy Products	Classic Collection	100% post-consumer

*These manufacturers certify the post-consumer content of their steel office products. Products made from steel typically contain a minimum of 25% recycled content, some or all of which may be post-consumer content.

Source: **Resource Guide to Manufacturer's Recycling Products and Programs, 1995.** Sponsored by the Business Products Industry Association's Office Products Manufacturers Alliance and Furniture Manufacturers Alliance.

What is the Alliance?

The Massachusetts Buy Recycled Business Alliance helps businesses in their efforts to purchase products made with recycled content. Services are provided by the Center for Ecological Technology (CET) and WasteCap of Massachusetts, under funding provided by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The Massachusetts Alliance is affiliated with the National Buy Recycled Business Alliance, a program of the National Recycling Coalition.

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