

# Walker Industries

## Sustainable Purchasing Policy

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### Walker Industries is committed to making sustainable purchasing decisions

The decision to purchase is one of our most powerful decisions for sustainability. Our goal is to make purchasing decisions that consider social, economic and environmental aspects.

#### Supporting local economies

We can be a significant purchaser in the communities where we conduct our business activities. Our purchasing activities positively impact local economies. Through our purchasing decisions, we can reduce our impacts, promote environmental stewardship and enhance community well-being.

#### Stimulating innovation

By including social, economic and environmental considerations in our purchasing procedures, we support local suppliers that operate with similar considerations. Our purchasing decisions can stimulate innovation and help develop markets for locally available and environmentally preferred goods and services.

#### How is the policy applied?

Everyone who purchases items for Walker Industries applies the sustainable purchasing policy.

We encourage our suppliers to provide us with information about their goods and services as they relate to this policy.

### ENVIRONMENTAL

- ✓ Choose products and services that optimize their environmental characteristics.
- ✓ Designed for
  - ✓ efficiency
  - ✓ safety
  - ✓ recycling

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### SOCIAL

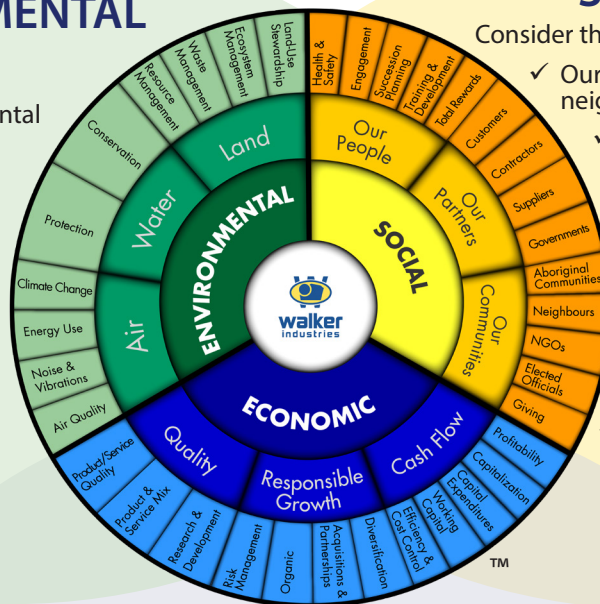
Consider the social aspects, such as:

- ✓ Our communities, including neighbours, community well-being
- ✓ The health & safety of our employees
- ✓ The local community by hiring local contractors and local service providers
- ✓ The purchase of products and services from local Aboriginal businesses
- ✓ Purchasing from suppliers that follow sustainable labour practice
- ✓ Knowing where the product originates
- ✓ Human Rights and Accessibility Obligations

### ECONOMIC

Products must:

- ✓ Preferably be locally sourced
- ✓ Be cost effective
- ✓ Consider the maintenance, insurance, operating, disposal, and potential liability costs
- ✓ Be available within a reasonable period of time
- ✓ Meet our performance needs



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### Seek products and services that:

- ✓ Are locally sourced
- ✓ Are accessible
- ✓ Are designed for the environment
- ✓ Are manufactured with re-manufacturing in mind
- ✓ Use non-hazardous materials
- ✓ Use recycled raw materials
- ✓ Maximize use of bio-based or recycled materials
- ✓ Conserve energy, water and resources
- ✓ Reduce waste generation (garbage, emissions, waste water)
- ✓ Reduce the consumption or disposal of hazardous materials



### Consider the following environmental performance characteristics:

- ✓ Biodegradable
- ✓ Carcinogen-free
- ✓ Chlorofluorocarbon free
- ✓ Compostable
- ✓ Durable
- ✓ Heavy metal free (e.g., no lead, mercury, cadmium)
- ✓ Free of volatile organic compounds
- ✓ Non-toxic
- ✓ Made from rapidly renewable materials
- ✓ Persistent, bio-accumulative toxic-free
- ✓ Made from recycled content
- ✓ Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- ✓ Less hazardous
- ✓ Locally manufactured
- ✓ Reduced packaging
- ✓ Refurbished
- ✓ Resource efficient
- ✓ Energy efficient
- ✓ Water efficient
- ✓ Reusable
- ✓ Upgradeable



### Consider all phases of the product's life cycle:

- ✓ Raw materials acquisition
- ✓ Production & manufacturing
- ✓ Packaging & distribution
- ✓ Operation & maintenance
- ✓ Disposal, including potential for reuse or ability to be recycled

