
ROSEMONT COLLEGE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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POLICY:

Rosemont College has adopted an Energy Star Priority Purchasing program in conjunction with the Presidents Climate Commitment. The Presidents Climate Committee Team recommends that Rosemont College purchase all Energy Star equipment whenever financially possible.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Background for this policy can be found on website: www.energystar.gov. ENERGY STAR is a government-backed program helping businesses and individuals protect the environment through superior energy efficiency. Results are already adding up. In 2006, Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR, saved enough energy to power 15 million homes and avoid greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those from 14 million cars - all while saving \$7 billion. For instance ENERGY STAR qualified bulbs use about **75 percent less energy** than standard incandescent bulbs and last up to **10 times longer**. Purchasing efficient products reduces energy costs without compromising quality. Instituting an effective policy can be as easy as asking department heads to specify ENERGY STAR qualified products, such as office equipment, in their contracts or purchase orders. For products not covered under ENERGY STAR, EPA provides links to the Department of Energy's recommended efficient products used by federal government procurement officials

PROCEDURE:

Each department should analyze the short- and long-term savings of an Energy Star appliance over a less energy efficient model before every purchase. The Energy Star website has a calculator tool for most appliances that can be used to calculate the long-term energy savings from a particular Energy Star appliance:

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=bulk_purchasing.bus_purchasing.
The appliances listed on the website are abundant and diverse.

Departments not purchasing energy star products should provide backup to these purchases indicating the circumstances for not following this policy.