

# Where to Find Local Recycled Products

Besides the hundreds of recycled products you can find at any grocery, hardware, home improvement, or office supply store, here are a handful of more specialized local suppliers of recycled products.

**Anchorage Sand & Gravel** makes several recycled products that offer the ability to contribute to the LEED(r) Green Building Certification System. These include aggregates, blocks and pavers, and asphalt, some of which contain recovered latex paint, among other recycled materials.

1040 O'Malley Road, Anchorage  
[www.anchsand.com](http://www.anchsand.com) Click on "LEED" tab at top bar to see recycled products.  
888-349-3133 or 907-349-3333

**Central Recycling Services** offers aggregate, asphalt, rubber, pallets, mulch, scrap metal and animal bedding, among other recycled products.

2400 Railroad Ave., Anchorage  
[www.centralrecyclingservices.com](http://www.centralrecyclingservices.com)  
907-748-7400

**EverGreen Nursery & Garden Center** makes compost from local yard waste and animal waste. You can purchase by the cubic-foot bag or by the pick-up truck load. US Composting Council-certified products.

12580 Old Seward Hwy., Anchorage  
<http://alaskaevergreen.com> Click GO GREEN link.  
907-344-2588

**EverGreen Nursery's pilot green waste curbside collection program exceeded all goals this past summer, surpassing 10,000 cubic yards. That's a lot of yard waste not going into our landfill!**

**Glacierstone** makes countertops and similar products from recovered glass – 75% of the glass is from Alaska sources.

801 East 82nd Street, Anchorage  
[www.glacierstone.com](http://www.glacierstone.com)  
888-490-9472 or 907-762-5971

**Green Earth Landworks** is a landscape construction company specializing in organic and sustainable practices, producing micro-organisms for plant, soil and compost uses as well as garden-blend soils using locally produced compost. Also makes EM-1 compost socks for erosion-control projects. US Composting Council-certified products.

5440 B Street, Anchorage  
[www.greeneearthalaska.com](http://www.greeneearthalaska.com)  
907-243-7893

**Thermo-Kool of Alaska** makes recycled-newspaper products including blow-in cellulose insulation, hydroseed mulch, and animal bedding. Products are available locally at Alaska Mill & Seed, Home Depot, Lowe's, Spenard Builders Supply, and Wal-Mart.

4191 E. Dimond Way, Wasilla  
[www.thermo-koolofalaska.com](http://www.thermo-koolofalaska.com)  
907-376-3644

MOA Solid Waste Services is supporting local processing of difficult-to-recycle materials that make up a big part of our waste stream and make sense to recycle locally. Targeted materials include organics, tires, construction and demolition debris, and glass. SWS issued grants to help expand the manufacturing capacity for these materials in the Anchorage area. We'll keep you updated on the status of these projects as they develop.

## Recycled Myths

**MYTH: Recycled products are hard to find.**



**TRUTH:** Recycled content products can be found in grocery stores, hardware stores, office supply stores, home shopping catalogs and shopping centers. There are thousands of products made from or packaged in recycled-content material.

**MYTH: Recycled paper isn't as good as non-recycled paper.**



**TRUTH:** Quality recycled-content paper now shares the same printing and performance characteristics as quality virgin paper.

**MYTH: Recycled products cost more.**



**TRUTH:** This used to be the case for some products, but often is no longer true. Many recycled products are competitively priced with their non-recycled counterparts. In fact, some may be less expensive.



## Why Should We Care What the Government Buys?

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established minimum recycled-content standard guidelines for numerous products, including printing paper, office paper, janitorial paper, construction, landscaping, transportation, vehicles, and non-paper office products. Government entities are required to purchase these products with the highest post-consumer content practicable, but with no less than the minimum recycled content established by the U.S. EPA guidelines. Visit [www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserve/tools/cpg](http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserve/tools/cpg).

This is part of an overarching federal government "Environmentally Preferable Purchasing" (EPP) program, which includes encouraging the purchase of all types of "green" products including recycled-content products. Visit [www.epa.gov/epp](http://www.epa.gov/epp).

Why is it important for the federal government to purchase recycled products? The United States federal government is one of the world's largest consumers. It is the single largest consumer of goods and services in the United States, with total spending estimated at \$350 billion for goods and services each year.

This purchasing power exerts a tremendous influence on which products and services are available in the national marketplace. The EPP program ensures that the federal government's buying power is working to the greatest extent possible to increase availability of environmentally preferable products, which in turn minimizes environmental impacts and makes these products more accessible for consumers like you.