



THE GREEN GAZETTE

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Tracking Your “Green” Purchases

When purchasing electronic products, remember to put the appropriate description in CATS and PCMS (or whatever system we have next).

Consult the **Electronics Products Acquisition and Procurement Directive** (TIF-EP-05) that was sent out via e-mail on 7/22/08 or visit the Tifton EMS website for more details and examples of how to enter your purchases.

www.ars.usda.gov/Services/docs.htm?docid=12538

Purchasing “Green” Electronic Products

Desktop & laptop computers, monitors, and integrated computer systems are currently registered under the *Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT)*. Consult the Computer Center when purchasing these items.

Printers, copiers, fax machines, televisions, and mobile electronics are a bit more complicated – you should look for products identified with an “eco-label”. The following are common eco-labels:



Reducing Petroleum Consumption

Reducing gas consumption saves money and will help meet the goals of the Federal Government and the Tifton Location.

What you can do:

- Walk across campus instead of driving.
- Car pool on work-related travel.
- Use the most fuel-efficient vehicle available.
- Consolidate local trips.
- Keep tires at proper levels of inflation.
- Avoid idling for long periods of time.
- Avoid sudden stops or bursts of speed.
- Set up conference calls or virtual meetings rather than face-to-face meetings.

Did you know? Alkaline batteries purchased in the last 5 years are safe for disposal in trash.

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