

Policy: Energy Star® Purchasing
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Policy: Berry College has adopted an Energy Star® Priority Purchasing program. The members of the Presidents Climate Commitment committee recommend that Berry College purchase Energy Star® rated appliances whenever practical. The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) initiated The Energy Star® program in 1992 to promote energy-efficient computers. Since that time, the program has grown to include more than 35 categories of products for the home and workplace. In one year, the EPA estimates that the use of Energy Star® rated products have reduced greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those released by 14 million cars, reduced power consumption equivalent to 50 300-megawatt power plants and saved 7 billion dollars. Products in the Energy Star® program include such things as computers and monitors, copiers, fax machines, televisions, VCR/DVD players, most appliances, light fixtures, and heating/cooling systems. As part of the Presidents' Climate Commitment, Berry College is dedicated to doing our part in helping to reduce the carbon footprint of the campus.

Procedure: Berry College is to purchase Energy Star® equipment whenever practical. Individuals or college units making product purchases from categories where Energy Star® rated equipment is available should analyze the short- and long-term costs and savings before the purchase is made. The EPA Energy Star® website has a detailed list of products commonly used on college campuses and provides a tool to help departments calculate the saving involved in their purchase. The website may be accessed at the following link:

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=higher_ed.bus_highereducation#purchase