

Buying Green Products on Maryland's Contract with MSC

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Introduction

This fact sheet describes how users of the Facilities MRO contract with MSC can easily identify products that have health and environmental benefits.

How can you find green products on the MSC website? (www.mscdirect.com)



MSC labels its green products "Eco-Friendly" and identifies them by a leaf icon in a green box on its [website](http://www.mscdirect.com). Its eco-friendly categories, detailed product category descriptions, and the environmental attributes of products in its offering can be found on the website by pulling down the "Resources" tab at the top of the page and choosing "Eco-Friendly."

The screenshot shows the MSC Industrial Supply Co. website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for CHAT, 800-645-7270, HOME, CUSTOMER SERVICE, ABOUT MSC, My Account / Login, and Register. Below this is a search bar with the text "By Keyword, Part #, Mfr #, Competitor part #, Customer part #" and a "GO" button. To the right of the search bar is a "Virtual Big Book" button and a "Quick Order Pad" button. Below the navigation bar is a "PRODUCTS" tab, which is currently selected. Under the "PRODUCTS" tab, there's a dropdown menu with options: DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS, SITE FEATURES, ECO-FRIENDLY (highlighted with a red circle), EDUCATION, LIGHTING, SAFETY, and UTILITIES. Below the dropdown menu, there are three product listings. Each listing includes a product image, a star rating, a "Write the first review" button, and a table of specifications. The first listing is for a "Cooper Lighting" product with MSC # 68617711. The second listing is for a "Cooper Lighting" product with MSC # 68618180. The third listing is for a "Cooper Lighting" product with MSC # 68617885. Each listing also has a "Compare" button and a "show more" link.

Product	MSC #	Big Book #	Brand	Mfr Part #	Price	Qty	Add to Cart
Cooper Lighting	68617711	3447	Cooper Lighting	HBL654WHT5-UPL	\$193.50 ea.	1	Add to Cart
Cooper Lighting	68618180	3447	Cooper Lighting	APHL-632-SN-UPL	\$146.73 ea.	1	Add to Cart
Cooper Lighting	68617885	3448	Cooper Lighting	APHL-454-SN-UPL	\$142.37 ea.	1	Add to Cart

1. Using the Eco-Friendly Category

Putting "eco-friendly" into the search box does not bring up all the relevant products, but for product categories with eco-friendly options, an "Eco-Friendly" box will appear under "Narrow Your Results By" on the left. Clicking on the "Product Details" link below the product photo will bring up a page describing that product including an explanation of the eco-friendly designation.

Putting terms such as "recycled" into the search box will generate lists with both recycled content and products that can be used to help facilitate recycling.

2. Searching MSC's Virtual Big Book

MSC's *Big Book* is accessible from the top banner to the right of the Search box [Click on MSC's Virtual Big Book.](#)



Products that Promote Energy Conservation

Product Category	Energy Efficiency Eco-Labels	Other Eco-Labels and Environmental Claims
Air Conditioners	ENERGY STAR	Conserves energy/lowers energy costs
Calculators		Solar-powered
Dehumidifiers	ENERGY STAR (to verify go to www.energystar.gov)	
Motors	NEMA Premium Efficiency	Variable speed (saves energy on low-power setting)
Thermostats, Programmable		Can result in energy savings up to 33%

Green Cleaning and Building Maintenance Chemicals and Equipment

Product Category	Eco-Labels	Other Environmental Attributes
Air Tool Compressor Oil	USDA BioPreferred	
Drain Openers (including Grease Trap and Septic Tank Solution)	Green Seal UL EcoLogo	
Gear Oil, Grease	USDA BioPreferred	
Graffiti Remover	USDA BioPreferred	
Lubricants	USDA BioPreferred	Free of chlorinated solvents No petroleum
Odor Removers	UL EcoLogo	
Metal Polish	USDA BioPreferred	
Parts Washer (Solvent)	Green Seal USDA BioPreferred	
Sealants	Green Seal	
Urinal Blocks and Screens		No para-diclorobenzene ("Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen")
Vacuums, HEPA		99.97% efficient HEPA filter
Vehicle Pressure Washing Cleaner	Green Seal	

Products that Promote Waste Reduction

Product Category	Eco-Labels	Other Environmental Attributes
Batteries		Rechargeable
Battery Chargers	ENERGY STAR	Waste reduction (reduces battery usage)
Flashlights		Rechargeable, LEDs (reduce battery usage)
Hand dryers		Waste reduction (replace paper towels)
Hearing Protection/Ear Plugs, (Reusable)		PVC-free Reusable
Hoses (Polypropylene)		PVC-free
Recycling Containers		Recycled content Facilitates recycling
Recycling Kits (for Batteries , Fluorescent Lamps and Ballasts)		Recycled content Facilitates recycling
Sorbents (including Granular sorbents ; Pads , Rolls & Mats)		Recycled content

Products that Promote Water Conservation

Product Category	Eco-Labels	Other Environmental Attributes
Aerators		Water conservation device (models 1.28 gpm or less)
Faucets (Sensor-operated and Knob Metering)		Sensor-operated (can reduce water consumption but often run on batteries, which can create waste)
Flush Valves		Dual settings can reduce water consumption)



Toilet Repair Kits & Parts	Contributes to water conservation
Urinals	Water-free

Additional Resources

- WSCA-NASPO [MRO Contract webpage](#)
- RPN [Green Hardware Supplies webinar](#) webpage

