Sustainable Packaging Policy

Officeworks is committed to reducing our environmental impact. Officeworks, as part of the Wesfarmers group is a member of the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO) and signatory to the Australian Packaging Covenant. Officeworks commits to achieve sustainable packaging outcomes and to work collaboratively with other signatories to further this goal.

The Sustainable Packaging Policy sets the expectations for suppliers to Officeworks to support the use and supply of sustainable packaging for all products sold at Officeworks. Sustainable Packaging should reduce environmental impact, use resources efficiently and minimise landfill, whilst ensuring packaging maintains product quality and safety.

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The Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPG) from APCO define Sustainable Packaging as fit-for-purpose, resource-efficient, made from low-impact materials, and reusable or recyclable at the end of its useful life. Officeworks is committed to applying the SPGs to all new packaging and reviewing existing packaging to support the following:

- Minimising the amount (size, weight, thickness) of material used for packaging
- Maximising the use of recycled materials
- Maximising the use of renewable/recyclable materials
- Promoting the use of 100% recycled material or Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified material for wood fibre based packaging
- Promoting the use of PET, PP, HDPE, LDPE for plastic materials
- Optimising packaging design for handling, transport and logistics
- Maximising the use of packaging which is fit for reuse
- Using packaging which is suitable for recovery and recycling and avoiding unnecessary disposal. Consideration should be given to kerbside recycling for primary packaging
- Promoting recycling to customers using appropriate logos and messaging such as the Australian Recycling Label on primary packaging
- Providing clear information for customers regarding materials used in packaging
- Transit packaging to be reusable or recyclable at Officeworks distribution centres or stores.
The Officeworks Sustainable Packaging Requirements provide guidelines for appropriate packaging materials and combinations of packaging.