

**Green Action Team
Green Buildings Committee
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Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP)

EPP Best Practices Manual

- 32 chapters are now online to provide guidance to State consumers on how to select environmentally preferable products.

California Gold Sustainable Carpet Standard

- On May 15, a management memo established California's new sustainable carpet standard and mandated that all carpet purchases after August 31, 2006, meet this standard.
- The standard includes requirements for recycled content, low emissions, and end-of-life recycling.
- Carpet products certified to meet the California Gold Standard are available on the web and linked to www.green.ca.gov/EPP/Standards. Numerous products from various manufacturers now comply with this new standard.

EPP Standards Development

- The State is participating in the development of National EPP Standards in four product areas:
 - Carpet
 - Furniture
 - Textiles
 - Recycled Paint