
WaterSense (EPA Partnership Program) Certified Purchasing Procedure



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Objective:

Adopt a procurement procedure to purchase WaterSense certified products for toilets, bathroom sink faucets, urinals, showerheads and irrigation controllers. This procedure shall be incorporated into the current Purchasing Policy.

Justification:

Missouri State University's WaterSense purchasing procedure is designed for water conservation, through the purchasing of WaterSense products, yielding savings through reduced water consumption.

WaterSense, a partnership program by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products. Products and services that have earned the WaterSense label have been certified to be at least 20 percent more efficient without sacrificing performance.

The following products are WaterSense certified:

- Toilets
- Bathroom Sink Faucets
- Urinals
- Showerheads
- Weather-based irrigation controllers

Expectations:

Water-using products purchased by MSU shall meet the U.S. EPA WaterSense certification when available and practical.

- This initiative applies to all MSU purchases of toilets, bathroom sink faucets, urinals, showerheads and irrigation controllers, where a WaterSense certification exists, regardless of the method of purchase.
- MSU purchasers will be responsible for considering the environmental impact of the product and the availability of WaterSense certified products.
- When soliciting information from a vendor, request that the vendor provide products that earn the WaterSense certification.