

Sustainable Purchasing Case Studies

Printer Toner Cartridges

Multnomah County saves money while switching to a more sustainable alternative.

Annual Savings

New compatible toner cartridges

\$44,414.66

Average savings per cartridge

\$79

Sustainability Benefits

- Recycled content
- Readily recyclable materials
- Supports disabled individuals in the workforce



Cost Savings

Purchasing original equipment manufacturer (OEM) toner cartridges would cost the County approximately \$1.5 million annually.

Central Stores purchases **new compatible** cartridges, which **saves** the county over **\$44,000** per year.

Sustainability

The **new compatibles** utilize the shell of used cartridges with new internal components. Recycling toner cartridges and using cartridges made with recycled content reduces the amount of plastic in our landfills.

Supporting Disabled Individuals

Our cartridge vendor is a qualified rehabilitation facility (QRF). QRFs employ people with professionally documented disabilities for at least 75% of all their direct labor hours.

To promote the employment of people with disabilities, the Products of Disabled Individuals Law allows Oregon Public Agencies to negotiate directly with QRFs for purchases.