

Middlebury College and the “Power of the Purse”

*"Using dollars to
protect health
and the environment"*

Purse – the money
possessed or available
to a person, country or
institution

*Green Cleaning and
Personal Care Products*

A Middlebury College
Project

Partners:

- Department of Environmental Affairs and Environmental Studies
- Office of Facilities Services
- Staff Council
- Athletics Department
- Human Resources
- Office of Health and Wellness

and

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Strategies for a better environment

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) creates an opportunity for Middlebury College to demonstrate environmental responsibility and social responsibility.

It is based on strong relationships with vendors to ensure that the College:

- Reduces toxins in products the college uses
- Minimizes packaging, thereby reducing waste
- Ensures social justice criteria are met

What can students, faculty and staff do to personally make EPP happen?

- Get to know the ingredients in products you use
- Know what ingredients to avoid in products
- Be aware of the business practices of companies you purchase from

Middlebury College is currently researching purchasing policies and practices that will apply the Precautionary Principle and a full evaluation of available alternatives to prevent or minimize harm.