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1. **Buying Green and Buying Less**
   - Since 2010, the County reduced paper purchased by 27% and transitioned to almost all 100% recycled content paper.

2. **Moving to an Electric Vehicle Future**
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   - Resulting annual savings equal to: $97,000 taxpayer dollars.
   - 6,000 trees.
   - Climate pollution from 94 cars.

3. **Supporting Local Green Businesses**
   - Since 2011, the County doubled the share of print services it buys from Certified Green Businesses.
   - Supporting Local Green Businesses uses 31% of the County’s print services.
   - In 2018, the County uses 65% of the County’s print services.

4. **Greening County Buildings**
   - Since adopting its Green Building Ordinance in 2003, Alameda County has built 10 buildings certified LEED Silver® or higher, lowering environmental impacts through:
   - Energy efficiency
   - Water efficiency
   - Solar power

5. **Cleaning Green and Healthy**
   - 93% of the cleaning products Alameda County buys carry a verified eco-label.
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   - Using products with eco-labels:
     - Promotes a safer workplace
     - Ensures a healthier environment

Why purchasing?

Alameda County provides a wide range of services to our communities in order to assist the vulnerable, provide public safety and public health, and improve quality of life for our residents. With its large operating budget, the County has the opportunity to use its significant market power as a force for good. Through strategic, sustainable purchasing initiatives, the County can leverage its purchasing power to build safe and livable communities, a prosperous, vibrant economy, and a healthy environment.

Learn about the Alameda County Green Purchasing Program’s other successful initiatives at https://www.acgov.org/sustain/what/purchasing/.