

# Cabrillo College ICC Sustainable Purchasing Policy

The Inter-Club Council passed a **sustainable purchasing resolution** during Spring Semester 2011. This resolution states that all clubs and their members will adhere to this purchasing policy in their expenditures of club funds, including funds allocated to them by the ICC, **for all club events**, both on and off campus.

## *Sustainable Purchasing Resolution*

We, the student, faculty, and staff members of the Cabrillo College Climate Initiative Task Force, Sustainability Council, Bicycle Cooperative, Permaculture Club, Outdoor Club, **Inter-Club Council**, and **Student Senate** resolve to follow a sustainable purchasing policy that considers the use of natural resources and seeks to minimize their consumption, the impact on the environment—including earth, water, and air—of consumer goods and the packaging of those goods, and the impact on the health of those who produce and use the consumer goods we purchase for Cabrillo College.

To assist clubs in following the resolution, the ICC voted Spring Semester 2011 to spend \$1000 and the Student Senate voted to spend \$2000 on sustainable (biodegradable, compostable) food service ware to be stored in the Student Activities Center East storage room and for all clubs to use for food-sale and food-give-away events. In addition, the Student Senate voted to spend \$1000 on shelving for these goods in the storage room. Please note the following unsustainable items to be avoided, and a comparable list of items to be used instead.

<b>Unsustainable Options</b>	<b>More Sustainable Choices</b>
Helium-filled balloons of any material	If you must have balloons, use biodegradable natural latex (not Mylar) and blow them up with your own breath; don't use helium; don't use plastic ribbon as string; but it's better not to decorate with balloons at all.
Plastic decorations, tablecloths	Paper decorations, cloth tablecloths (or none)
Styrofoam cups, plates, bowls; Styrofoam-coated cups; Styrofoam to-go boxes	Recycled paper-content or bagasse (sugar cane) cups, plates, bowls; PLA-lined paper cups; bagasse to-go boxes; wrap in wax paper (biodegradable) or foil (recyclable); washable reusables.
Plastic utensils	TaterWare (potato-based plastic) utensils; washable reusables; choose finger foods.
Water or soda sold in plastic bottles	Offer water from a large dispenser with loaner mugs or glasses; encourage people to use reusable water bottles and water fountains; if you feel you must sell beverages, sell drinks in aluminum cans or, better yet, glass bottles; avoid plastic bottles. Please collect aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles for recycling.
Plastic wrap (Saran Wrap)	Wax paper or aluminum foil; if the latter, look for recycled aluminum foil.
Plastic food-serving/preparing gloves	Natural latex food-serving/preparing gloves
Unsustainably harvested seafood (red- or yellow-listed by Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch)	Sustainably harvested seafood (green-listed by Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch)
Unsustainably grown or harvested, non-local food	Organic, all-natural, locally grown food, especially food grown on campus by the Permaculture Club