

Introducing the Environmentally Preferred Purchasing (EPP) option for inks and toners



At a Glance

Sustainability Factors

- 🌱 Ink and toner cartridges can be recycled
- 🌱 Provides a local supply for commonly used toners and inks
- 🌱 Departments may choose to purchase remanufactured items
- 🌱 Income from recycled items will be donated to a local charity¹
- 🌱 Cartridges are both EPP and CPG compliant offering a closed loop recycling program²

Convenience Factors

- 🌱 Collaboration between Appalachian's Materials Management Department, WJ, HP & Clover Technologies
- 🌱 Available through Yo-Mart
- 🌱 Program offers competitive pricing
- 🌱 Overnight delivery for items not in stock locally

Overview

Appalachian State University is in its third year of the [Zero Waste Commitment](#), and in support of this important program, Dwayne Odvody, Director of Materials Management, is working with WJ Office, Hewlett Packard (HP) and Clover Technologies to provide an Environmentally Preferred Purchasing option (EPP) for commonly used inks and toners. EPP makes it possible to purchase remanufactured items as well as providing cartridge recycling for any department that wishes to do so. And any revenue generated from recycled cartridges will be donated to a local charity. Departments wishing to recycle can order pre-paid UPS boxes using Yo-Mart then call UPS to pick up the boxes when they are full.

Odvody explains, "By using original equipment manufacturer and remanufactured inks and toners, and then recycling the cartridges rather than sending them to a landfill, every department here can have an impact on the university's Zero Waste program. And this is just one step of many to come to really support that commitment."

Each of the companies involved in EPP have committed to programs and policies that support sustainable thinking. WJ invests recycling funds back into the local community, eliminates inventory of cartridges that no longer have an appropriate printer and is a locally owned business, generating revenue in the local economy. HP has reduced materials used in manufacturing by one third, utilizes recycled content in production and manufactures products at ISO 14001 certified facilities. Clover Technologies provides monthly environmental metrics reporting on recycling, reduced energy consumption and waste reduction, and is an ISO 9001 manufacturer.

Appalachian is proud to support local businesses and the local economy including WJ Office as well as their charitable program, and remains committed to proper waste reduction and recycling procedures through cartridge handling related to zero waste commitment.

For information on ordering EPP inks and toners through Yo-Mart, please contact [Vickie Young](#) at 262-4027. For more information on the EPP option, please contact [Dwyane Odvody](#) at 262-4002.

¹ In 2013, income from WJ's recycling program was donated to the Watauga Humane Society

² Closed loop recycling refers to HP's use of recycled cartridges to create new ink and toner cartridges without manufacturing additional plastic

