



“Green” Recycled Content Back to School Products

Many back-to-school products are available with recycled content. These “green” products are often made from recycled plastic bottles and bottle caps and even old copy machines or they use recycled paper and other post-consumer products.

Below are several types of products and brands:

Pens & Writing Instruments

- Pilot “Bottle 2 Pen” is made from 89% recycled plastic bottles (<http://pilotbegreen.us/>)
- Pentel’s Recycology brand line has several options including: (<http://www.pentel.com/recycology/>)
 - Highlighters which have 54% recycle plastic
 - Colored ball point pens made from 54% recycled plastic
 - Automatic lead pencil refill cases made from 100% recycled plastic
- Bic Ecolutions mechanical pencils made with 76% recycled plastic (<http://www.bicworld.com/en/sustainable-development/products/>)
- Crayola also makes several types of recycled content items:
 - Broad line markers (regular and washable ink) and fine line markers made from recycled plastic (<http://www.crayola.com/products/list.cfm?categories=MARKERS,BASICS>)
 - Colored pencils made from reforested wood – for each tree used, a new one is planted. (<http://www.crayola.com/products/list.cfm?categories=PENCILS,BASICS>)

Paper Products

- Staples letter size note pads made from 100% recycled paper (<http://www.staples.com/>)
- ECOTEC recycled notebook made from 100% recycled paper, and includes a recycled content cover and back cover (www.officemax.com)
- Day Runner Design Your Day Weekly/Monthly Calendars from 30% post-consumer waste (<http://www.staples.com/>)
- Office Max college ruled 9.x” x 6” notebook with 100% recycled content (www.officemax.com)
- Greenroom 3 pack of small notebooks with 60-70% recycled fiber (www.target.com)
- Post-it Recycled Notes made from 30% recycled paper (www.post-it.com)

Additional School Supplies:

- Cannon calculator made from recycled copiers (http://www.officemax.com/catalog/sku.jsp?productId=prod2950264&history=cagr27mx|prodPage~15%5efreeText~canon+calculator%5eparamValue~true%5erefine~1%5eregion~1%5eparam~return_skus%5ereturn_skus~Y)
- Westcott KleenEarth plastic ruler, protractor and small scissors made from recycled material (<http://www.epaperflip.com/aglaia/viewer.aspx?docid=5a64c886bf344f61a073a24bc66366d4>)
- Westcott large scissors have a handle made from 70% recycled plastic (www.staples.com)



- Scotch Magic Greener Tape – dispenser is made from 100% recycled plastic and the tape is made with over 53% plant-based materials. (http://www.scotchbrand.com/wps/portal/3M/en_US/ScotchBrand/Scotch/Solutions/Six/One/)
- Bic Wite-Out Correction Tape with 51% pre-consumer recycled plastic (<http://www.bicworld.com/en/sustainable-development/index/>)

Backpacks:

- REI Big-School Backpack: made of Ecosensitive Fabric (Recycled material-helps keep 18 16-oz PET bottles out of the landfill. (http://www.rei.com/stewardship/rei_product_impact)
- Earthtech ecogear organic backpack (http://www.earthtechproducts.com/ecogear-ecozoo-puppy-organic-cotton.html?utm_source=googleshopping&utm_medium=cse&utm_campaign=broi&gdftrk=gdfV21172_a_7c1174_a_7c4467_a_7cBG_d_2847)
- Sears Targus Spruce EcoSmart Backpack (http://www.sears.com/shc/s/p_10153_12605_SPM5020348101P?ci_sku=SPM5020348101&ci_src=14110944&sid=IDx20101019x00001a&i_cntr=1313625688787)

Zero-Waste Lunch (All Items Purchased at REI):

- Camelback Better Bottle 16oz: reusable and PBA free, packaging 80% recycled content mixed sources and FSC (<http://www.camelbak.com/Sports-Recreation/Bottles.aspx>)
- REI eCycle food containers (large, medium, small and snack) by Aladdin: Reusable, made of recycled content, and recyclable BPA free Polypropylene. eCycle plastic is made from 100% recycled food-grade polypropylene that is 20% post-consumer content; polypropylene plastic is 100% BPA free Slim design slides easily into a backpack or lunch sack. The REI eCycle container is recyclable where #5 plastic is collected
- Light My Fire Sporks of various sizes and extremely durable: Carry your own "utensil" made of PBA Free Tritan, a copolyester alternative to Polycarbonate. Compatible with Leave No Trace ethics and tough enough to survive and encounter with a forklift (<http://lightmyfireusa.com/index.html>)
- To-Go-Ware Reusable Bamboo Utensil Set with case: Zerowaste, sustainable materials, reusable and portable. The RePEaT utensil holders give plastic bottles a second shot at a useful life – and an opportunity to stay out of our landfills. Made out of RPET (recycled PET plastic) (<http://www.to-goware.com/>)