



How to Shop for ENERGY STAR at Tulane University

With energy and the environment becoming a common concern of shoppers, retailers often tout the ENERGY STAR label up front in their product descriptions, but isn't always so obvious. The tips here should help you find it.

General Tips:

1. Read the product description and product specifications carefully. When you find a product that you like, click the link to the specs and you will often find the ENERGY STAR logo or a line such as "ENERGY STAR Qualified." Other times you will find the energy features in the product description.
2. When shopping online, look for a filter that allows you to view only ENERGY STAR or energy efficient products. Just like filtering for a particular price range or brand, filtering for ENERGY STAR automatically eliminates the less energy efficient options.
3. Use the ENERGY STAR website if you find a product that you are interested in purchasing but can't determine whether it is ENERGY STAR qualified from its description. Copy the model number down then point your browser to http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=find_a_product. There you can pick the category of product you are looking at and search for the model you've chosen in their database.

Tips for Shopping at Tulane's Vendors:

CDW-G: On each product's description page, there is a box on the right-hand side of the screen with the title "Energy/Environment Standards." There you will find the line "EPA Energy Star Compliant Yes" if the product meets the ENERGY STAR standards. If the product is not ENERGY STAR, the box will not be on the page at all.

Staples E-Way: On the product description page, under "Additional Information" you will find the line "Energy Star Qualified" as one of the bullet points. You can also use the eco-office filters located on the left-hand side of the "Products" page and your search results – choose the "other" option.

Other Office Equipment Vendors: Materials Management maintains a list of preferred suppliers for office equipment (like copiers) on their [website](#). All of these links list contacts for sales representatives who work with Tulane departments so just ask for ENERGY STAR. They will all be informed of Tulane's ENERGY STAR purchasing policy and will work with you to identify the best model.

Computers: Tulane's Technology Services department maintains a [website](#) for institutional and personal computer purchases where you can link to preferred suppliers for desktop and notebook computers.

Apple – Each product page has a box in the description titled “Environmental Status Report.” You will find the ENERGY STAR compliance information in that box.

Dell – You can choose to shop recommended bundles, all of which will be ENERGY STAR compliant because of Tulane's ENERGY STAR purchasing policy, or to shop their entire catalog at a discount. If you shop their catalog, search for ENERGY STAR or use the ENERGY STAR website to ensure your selected model is compliant. If you're having trouble determining if a model is ENERGY STAR qualified, contact the Dell Account Representative for Tulane listed on Technology Services' website.

GovConnection - You can filter for ENERGY STAR products by choosing “Compliant Standards” then one of the categories of ENERGY STAR compliance that are listed. (Any category meets the purchasing policy requirement.)