

List of "Ecolabels" Relevant to Goods and Services Bought by Government of BC

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Generally used for	LABEL	PRODUCT OR SERVICE	ENVIRONMENTAL RISK/ATTRIBUTE	DESCRIPTION	URL
construction, goods & services	Green Seal	Buildings, goods and services	Multiple environmental / social attributes, full life cycle phase (varies by product/service).	An independent non-profit organization that sets environmental standards for a wide variety of consumer products and services.	http://www.green-seal.org/Home.aspx
construction	LEED	Buildings, exterior and interior	Multiple environmental / social attributes, full life cycle phase.	Developed by the US Green Building Council (USGBC), LEED (Leadership in Energy Efficient Design) is an open, publically reviewed set of standards that measures sustainable construction and ranks green buildings and interiors on a five-tier basis.	https://www.caqbc.org
construction, goods	BOMA BEST	Commercial buildings	Energy; Water; Waste reduction & site remediation; Emissions & effluents; Indoor environment; and Environmental management system.	BOMA BEST (Building Environmental Standards) is a national program launched in 2005 by BOMA Canada to address an industry need for realistic standards for energy and environmental performance of existing buildings based on accurate, independently verified information.	http://bomacanda.ca/bomabest/aboutbomabest/
construction, goods	Cradle to Cradle (C2C)	Systems, Materials and Products	Materials chemistry for full life cycle, including: Embodied energy; Water savings; Recyclable content; Recycled content; and Indoor air quality for producer and user.	The Cradle to Cradle Certified™ Product Standard guides designers and manufacturers through a continual improvement process that looks at a product through five quality categories — material health, material reutilization, renewable energy and carbon management, water stewardship, and social fairness. A product receives an achievement level in each category — Basic, Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum — with the lowest achievement level representing the product's overall mark.	https://www.c2ccertified.org/
construction, goods	EcoLogo	Buildings, products and services	Multiple environmental and social attributes, full life-cycle phase (varies by product/service).	The EcoLogo Program is a Type I eco-label, as defined by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). This means that the Program compares products/services with others in the same category, develops rigorous and scientifically relevant criteria that reflect the entire lifecycle of the product, and awards the EcoLogo to those that are verified by an independent third party as complying with the criteria.	http://www.ecologo.org/en/index.asp
construction, goods	Energy Star	Electronics, appliances, lighting	Energy efficiency.	ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices.	http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=home.index
construction, goods	FSC Certification	Wood and wood products, paper products	Forest stewardship.	Forests are certified against a set of strict environmental and social standards, and fibre from certified forests is tracked all the way to the consumer through the chain of custody certification system. Every company involved in the production, manufacture, trading and labeling of a product must be FSC certified for it to carry the FSC label.	https://ca.fsc.org/en-ca
construction, goods	SFI	Wood and wood products, paper products	Forest stewardship.	The SFI 2005-2009 Standard promotes sustainable forest management through nine principles, 13 objectives, 34 performance measures and 102 indicators developed by professional foresters, conservationists, scientists and	http://www.sfioprogram.org/sfi-standard/

				others. SFI addresses key environmental, social and economic forest values – from water quality and biodiversity to harvesting and regeneration.	
construction, goods	Sustainable Forest Management Certification (CAN/CSA-Z809)	Wood and wood products, paper products	Chain-of-Custody verification: tracking forest products through ownership, processing and transportation, from the forest of origin to the end consumer.	A volunteer technical committee, representing consumers, environmental groups, government, industry, Aboriginal, academia and other stakeholders was established to develop the Standard. The Standard links adaptive forest management to forest certification through three key requirements: Performance, Public Participation, and System.*	http://www.csafmforests.ca/
goods	ASTM D6400	Plastic products	Compostability	This specification covers plastics and products made from plastics that are designed to be composted in municipal and industrial aerobic composting facilities.	http://www.astm.org/Standards/D6400.htm
goods	British Columbia Certified Organic	Food	Restrict/ban use of: Non-organic pesticides; insecticides, and herbicides; Growth hormones; and Genetic modification.	BC Certified Organic is a voluntary agri-food quality program sanctioned by the Government of British Columbia through the Organic Agricultural Products Certification Regulation. Agencies accredited by the COABC inspect and certify organic farms and facilities in BC.*	http://www.certifiedorganic.bc.ca/standards/index.php
goods	EcoLogo	Paper	see description	lower noxious emissions to water lower wastewater discharge levels an efficient use of fiber through the use of recycled content lower solid waste volumes a lower potential contribution to acid rain and climate change a reduced amount of energy use the adoption of best forestry practices and habitat conservation	http://www.ecologo.org/en/
goods	EN 13432 and EN 14995	Plastic products	Compostability	Plastic products can provide proof of their compostability by successfully meeting the harmonised European standard, EN 13432 or EN 14995.	http://www.european-bioplastics.org/index.php?id=158
goods	EPEAT	Electronics, computers	Reduction/elimination of environmentally sensitive materials, materials selection, design for end of life, product longevity/life cycle extension, energy conservation, end of life management, corporate performance, and packaging.	EPEAT (Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool) is a system that helps purchasers evaluate, compare and select electronic products based on their environmental attributes.	http://www.epeat.net/
goods	Fair Trade	Coffee, tea, chocolate, textiles, gift wares	Fair wages & sustainable development.	Enables the sustainable development and empowerment of disadvantaged producers & workers in developing countries through Fair Trade labelling. Fair Trade has over 2,700 licensees - owners of brands that source from Fair Trade producers and sell the final product with the Fair Trade Certification Mark.	http://www.fairtrade.net/the_fairtrade_mark.html
goods	GreenGuard	Products	Indoor Air Quality.	The GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certification Program gives assurance that products designed for use in office environments and other indoor spaces meet strict chemical emissions limits, which contribute to the creation of healthier interiors.	http://www.greenguard.org/en/index.aspx
goods	Level Certified	Contract Furniture	Embedded energy (and associated GHG emissions) in manufacture and distribution, indoor air quality related to toxic finishes and fabrics, social responsibility in manufacture, and waste reduction at end of life cycle.	Level Certified is the sustainable label created by BIFMA (Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturer's Association) - a not-for-profit industry group that creates standards for evaluating the safety, durability, ergonomics, toxicity, and structural adequacy of contract furniture.	http://levelcertified.org

goods	SPCA Certified	Food	Animal welfare husbandry.	Indicates to consumers that the animals raised on certified farms meet farm animal welfare husbandry standards developed by the BC SPCA Standards for pigs, chickens (meat and eggs), beef and dairy cattle have been developed. Standards to be developed in the future include sheep and turkeys.	https://spca.bc.ca/programs-services/certifications-accreditation/spca-certified/
goods	WaterSense	Appliances, fixtures and fittings that use water (i.e. washing machines, toilets, faucets and shower heads)	Water efficiency.	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Products bearing the WaterSense label are generally 20% more water-efficient than similar products in the marketplace and must be independently tested before qualifying for the label. Note: the WaterSense label has not been adopted for use in Canada, but many appliances and fixtures are imported from the U.S. with the label.	https://www.epa.gov/watersense
services	Audibon Green Leaf Eco-Rating Program	Accommodation & tourism products	Energy efficiency; Pollution Prevention; Environmental Management; and Resource Conservation.	The Green Lodging Program provides third-party verification that lodging facilities meet environmental best practice standards and demonstrate a strong commitment to water quality, water conservation, waste minimization, resource conservation, and energy efficiency. Through a comprehensive and credible method for assessing the extent of the environmental measures undertaken, participating facilities can reduce environment-related costs and gain a marketing advantage.	https://www.auduboninternational.org/green-lodging
services	Green Key	Accommodation	Energy conservation, water conservation, solid waste management, hazardous waste management, indoor air quality, community outreach, building infrastructure, land use, and environmental management.	The Green Key Eco-Rating Program is recognized by the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC). The graduated rating system is designed to recognize hotels, motels, and resorts that are committed to improving their environmental and fiscal performance. Members are provided with a comprehensive guide on how to “unlock” opportunities for reductions in utility consumption, waste, emissions, and operating costs. Additional recommendations for employee training, staff and customer engagement, supply chain management, community involvement and more.	http://greenkeyglobal.com/home/green-key-eco-rating/