

Sustainable Procurement: An Astrapto Guide to Ethical Purchasing

Lesson 2 Course Context and Application

This handout contains key takeaways from Lesson 2, and a list of references and resources.

Lesson 2 Summary and Tips

- Any organization of any size and any type can make a difference through procurement.
- Look for ways to apply what you learn in other contexts – home, office, school, house of worship, community center – wherever you have even a little bit of influence.
- Take a moment to jot down the different industries your supplies come from.
- Some areas of procurement can be emotionally charged. Suspend judgment of those who you think are destroying the earth or humanity or animals with their choices. Sustainability and procurement are nuanced and the right or wrong is not always as clear as you might think.
- Have an open mind and be willing to change both your attitude and behavior.
- Be prepared to pull together a team to help you with sustainable procurement. A task force has the following benefits:
 - Diverse perspectives bring a wider range of insights.
 - It's easier to divide and conquer the research.
 - If you have different departments represented, you can learn about opinions and requirements for purchases that could be missed if only one department or person is performing the audit.
 - The findings will spark awareness and knowledge that can be more easily dispersed throughout the organization via team members who are involved.

Lesson 2 References and Resources

The links below are to research and websites referenced in Lesson 2, along with resources not mentioned in the video but which you might find helpful in your sustainability journey.

- [Environmental Impacts of Food Production](#) (2020) by Our World in Data
- [Study: Meat Would Cost 146% More If We Factored in Climate Change](#) (2020) by LiveKindly
- [Calculation of External Climate Costs for Food Highlights Inadequate Pricing of Animal Products](#) (2020) by Nature Communications