



Local purchasing policy

Ziptrek Ecotours Mont-Tremblant

1. Background

One of Ziptrek Ecotours' core values is sustainability. We are committed to being a socially and environmentally responsible company, and recognize that our purchasing decisions can have a positive impact on the economic vitality of the region, environmental preservation, and the well-being of our community.

For this reason, we aim to incorporate the following principles into our purchasing decisions, giving priority to local suppliers whenever possible and economically viable.

2. Objective

This policy aims to:

1. Integrate environmental and social considerations into purchasing
2. Prioritize Quebec-based suppliers according to clearly defined levels of local purchasing
3. Reduce our carbon footprint by minimizing the distances traveled for supplies
4. Support the reuse, repair, and repurposing of materials to extend the life cycle of products and reduce waste
5. Support businesses that share our environmental and social values

3. Area of application

This policy applies to all departments of Ziptrek Ecotours Mont-Tremblant and covers all purchases of goods, including retail items, promotional items, and operational supplies.

4. Purchasing priorities

Where permitted by law and where prices are competitive, Ziptrek Ecotours Mont-Tremblant will give priority, in the following order:

Level 3: suppliers with civic addresses in Quebec, whose products are assembled, manufactured, or packaged in Quebec, and whose raw materials originate in Quebec.



Level 2: suppliers with civic addresses in Quebec whose products are assembled, manufactured, or packaged in Quebec.

Level 1: suppliers with civic addresses in Quebec.

Others (National): companies located elsewhere in Canada.

5. Purchasing criteria

5.1 Thresholds

Purchases under \$100: give preference to a local supplier if the price difference with a non-local supplier does not exceed 10%, subject to equivalent quality and service

Purchases between \$100 and \$500: seek local quotes first before expanding the search

Purchases over \$500: in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, this policy does not apply to supplies in this category.

5.2 Additional evaluation criteria

- a. Operational standards and requirements
 - i. Goods and services must meet Ziptrek's operational and safety standards.
 - ii. Ability to meet delivery deadlines and service requirements.
- b. Waste reduction and packaging management
 - i. Purchase products without packaging, in bulk, or offered in containers that can be reused or returned.
 - ii. Aim for zero-waste products.
- c. Product sustainability and life cycle
 - i. Avoid planned obsolescence by using sustainable products and checking product repairability rates and warranties.
 - ii. Preference for biodegradable or infinitely recyclable products that are low in volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and non-toxic.
 - iii. Preference for products that are second-hand or can be reused, repaired, refurbished, or repurposed at the end of their life
 - iv. Avoid purchasing new products derived from petroleum compounds and products with synthetic ingredients
- d. Social and environmental responsibility
 - i. Prioritize organizations that have an eco-responsible and fair approach
 - ii. Prioritize products and items that are electric or powered by renewable energy



6. Implementation and monitoring

- Purchasing managers must take this policy into account in all purchasing decisions.
- This policy will be shared with all staff and published on our website and social media channels to reflect our commitment to sustainable development and community involvement.
- An annual review will be conducted to evaluate the following indicators:
 1. Proportion and total number of local suppliers engaged
 2. Percentage of total purchases by level (Level 1 to Level 3)
 3. Quantity or value of goods/materials reused or repurposed

7. Statement of commitment

Ziptrek Ecotours Mont-Tremblant is committed to supporting the local economy, strengthening sustainability, and building strong ties with the community. We believe that by buying locally, we are helping to preserve the unique character of our region while reducing our environmental impact.

This policy will come into effect upon its adoption in October 2025 and will be reviewed periodically.