



STOP, LOOK AND THINK 3! SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING AT MOMENTUM

Purchasing decisions at Momentum will be made with consideration for the following sustainability criteria:

- 1. Environmental** minimizing impact and/or enhancing our natural environment.
- 2. Social** the working conditions of employees, inclusion and the well being of all people are valued.
- 3. Economic** local ownership and greater opportunities to circulate money in the local economy is prioritized.

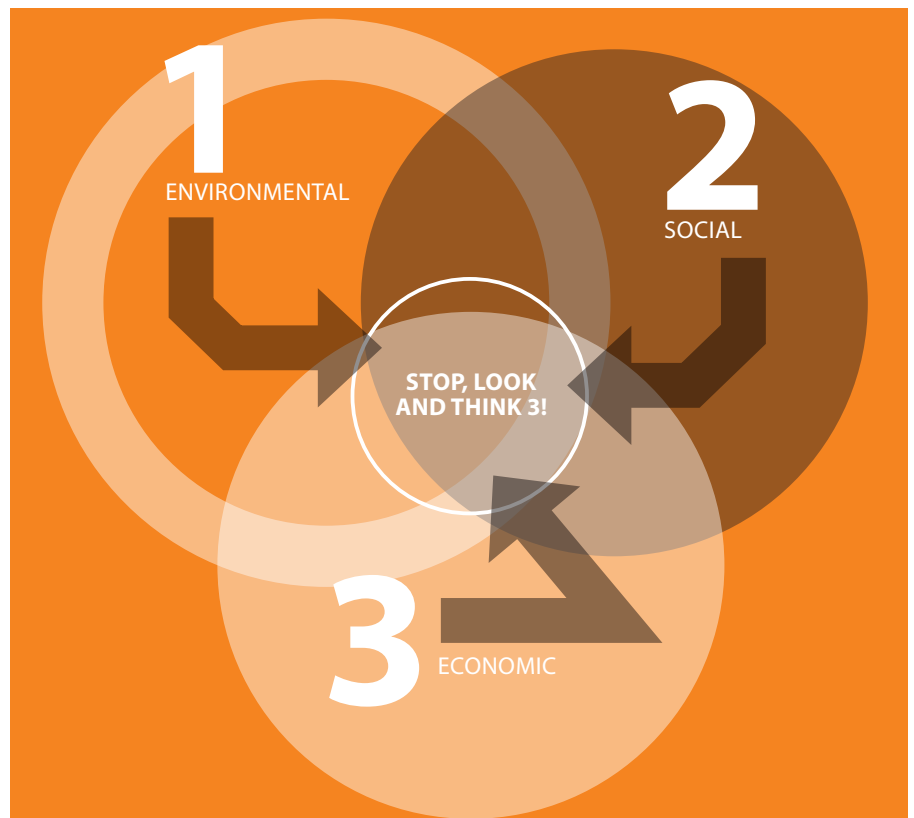
The following questions may be helpful in meeting these goals and assisting you in purchase decision-making. It is not a checklist, but a guide of example questions you might ask yourself or the businesses with whom you are considering purchasing from.

GENERAL

- Do we really need this?
- Could we borrow, rent or buy it second hand?
- How often will we actually use this product?
- Is it durable? High quality? Desirable?

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Environmentally

Products and services are:

- Local, or did not travel far
- Organic
- Recyclable
- Energy efficient
- High recycled content
- Non-toxic
- Minimal packaging
- For events or services:
- Minimal paper use—electronic posters, minimal handouts
- Recycling and composting available
- Food and beverage utensils are re-usable
- Events are located near public transit and there are bike racks

Socially

- The people behind the business care about, and invest in, the community.
- The product or company improves social well-being.
- Employees are paid a living wage.
- Animals were treated humanely.
- Products are fair-trade certified.

Economically

- Products and services are from:
- Local, small/family businesses
- Momentum graduates
- Social enterprises
- Cooperatives
- other CED organizations
- Albertan- or Canadian-owned

Momentum is a community organization that has been in the community since 1991. Momentum partners with people living on low incomes to increase prosperity, and inspires the development of local economies with opportunities for all.

Further Resources

- Alberta Cooperatives <http://acca.coop/member-profiles>
- B-Corps <http://www.bcorporation.net/community/find-a-b-corp?search=Calgary&=Search>
- Calgary Dollars Business Directory [http://calgarydollars.ca/C\\$%20Business%20Directory.pdf](http://calgarydollars.ca/C$%20Business%20Directory.pdf)
- Green Calgary <http://www.greencalgary.org/>
- Good Guide Transparency Toolbar www.goodguide.com/
- Living Wage Leaders <http://www.vibrantcalgary.com/vibrant-initiatives/livingwageleaders/>
- Momentum Businesses <http://www.momentum.org/business-directory>
- REAP Calgary Businesses <http://www.reapcalgary.com/members/directory/all>
- Social Enterprise Council of Canada <http://www.secouncil.ca/en/marketplace>