

What should I look for in a 'greener and safer product'?

Defining a 'greener and safer product' is not as easy as it may seem but there are guiding principles.

Here are some important criteria to consider when you are looking for a 'greener and safer product':

- Products that avoid toxic emissions.
- Natural or minimally processed products.
- Products that do not contain ozone-depleting substances.
- Products that provide alternatives to hazardous chemicals such as persistent organic pollutants (POPs), PCBs and brominated flame retardants.
- Products that reduce or eliminate pesticide treatments.
- Products with high durability and low maintenance requirements.
- Products that reduce stormwater pollution and hazardous waste.

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