



# THINK 3!

## SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING AT MOMENTUM

**Purchasing decisions** at Momentum are 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 and communities are valued.
- 3. Economic** local ownership and greater opportunities to circulate money in the local economy is prioritized.

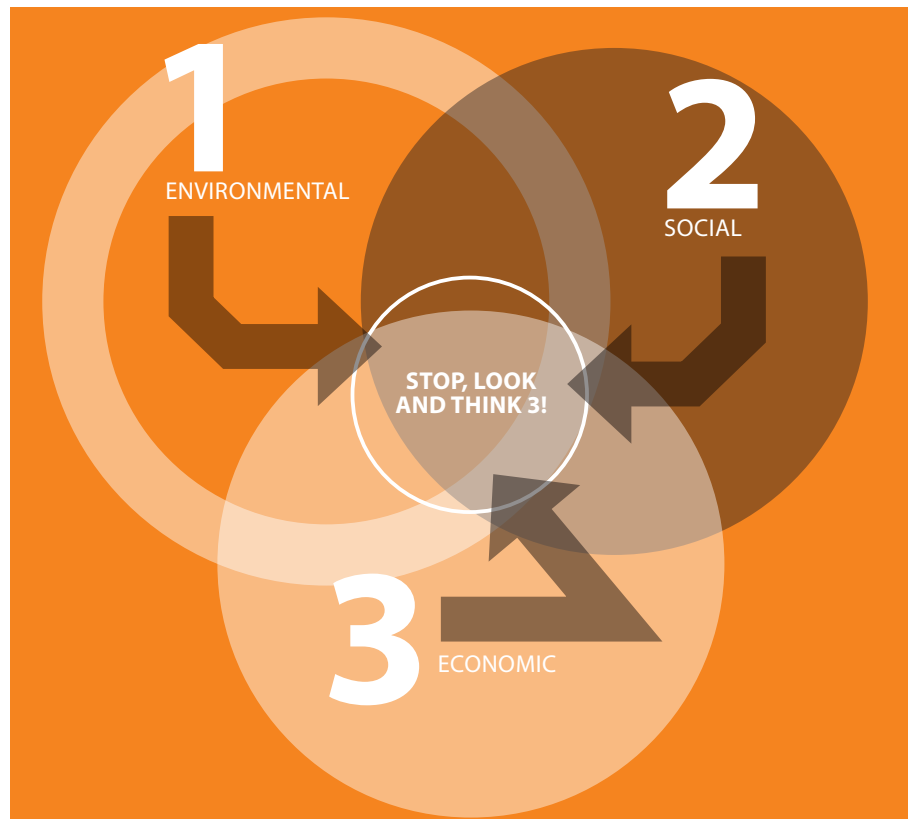
The following questions may be helpful in meeting these goals and assisting you in purchase decision-making. It is not a checklist, but a guide of example questions you might ask yourself or the businesses with whom you are considering purchasing from.

### GENERAL

- Do we really need this? How often will we actually use this product?
- Could we borrow, rent or buy it second hand?
- Is it durable? High quality? Desirable?
- Can we buy this from a business that is also thinking 3?

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## Environmentally

- Local, or did not travel far
- Organic
- Recyclable
- Compostable
- Energy efficient
- High recycled content
- Non-toxic
- Minimal packaging
- Re-usable
- Accessible by bike or transit

## 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

- Businesses that hire locally
- Products and services are from:
  - Local, small/family businesses
  - Momentum graduates
  - Social enterprises
  - Cooperatives
  - other Community Economic Development organizations
  - Alberta or Canada

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

## Where to find great business

- Alberta Cooperatives <http://acca.coop>
- B-Corps <http://www.bcorporation.net/community/find-a-b-corp>
- Calgary Dollars Business Directory <http://calgarydollars.ca/spend>
- Green Calgary <http://www.greencalgary.org/>
- Good Guide Transparency Toolbar [www.goodguide.com/](http://www.goodguide.com/)
- Living Wage Leaders <http://www.vibrantcalgary.com/>
- Momentum Businesses <http://www.momentum.org/support-grads>
- REAP Calgary Businesses <http://www.reapcalgary.com/members/directory/all>
- Social Enterprise Council of Canada <http://www.secouncil.ca/>
- Buy Social Canada <http://www.buysocialcanada.com/>