

# Healthier Furniture

A Guide for Purchasing Furniture  
Free of the Hazardous Handful Chemicals

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The Center for Environmental Health (CEH) created this guide to help furniture purchasers identify safer furniture and fabrics without key chemicals of concern.

The products in this document have been self-reported by the manufacturer as being compliant with restrictions for the following chemicals/materials of concern (aka the "Hazardous Handful"):

- Formaldehyde and other Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) emissions
- Antimicrobials
- Flame retardant chemicals
- Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)
- Per- and poly-fluorinated chemicals used as stain/water/oil resistant treatments

Furniture products are listed on sheet/tab 2 and fabrics are listed on sheet/tab 3.

## How to use this file:

This file was created to make it easy for you to find the office furniture you are looking for. This Spreadsheet is sortable and filterable by Manufacturer, Product Type, Product Name, and Availability on NASPO contract.

- 1 To view and use the product spreadsheet, click either the All Furniture or All Fabrics sheet/tab below

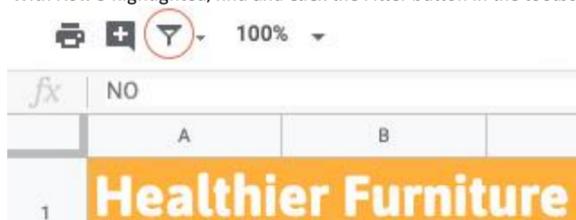


- 2 Browse the comprehensive listing

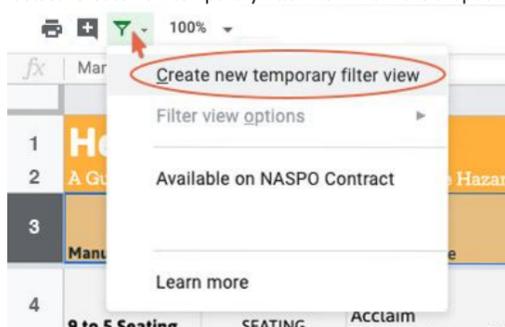
- 3 To sort or filter the listings, click on and highlight Row 3

1	Healthier Furniture				CEH
2	A Guide for Purchasing Furniture Free of the Hazardous Handful Chemicals				
3	Manufacturer	Product Type	Product Name	Exceptions/Comments	Available on NASPO Contract
4	9 to 5 Seating	SEATING	Acclaim Exec/Conference Chair		NO

- 4 With Row 3 highlighted, find and click the Filter button in the toolbar above the spreadsheet.



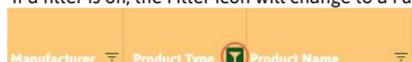
- 5 Select "Create new temporary filter view" from the dropdown menu



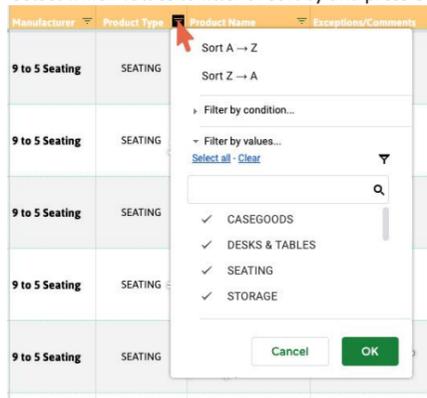
- 6 Filter icons (upside-down triangle) will appear in the right corner of columns in Row 2



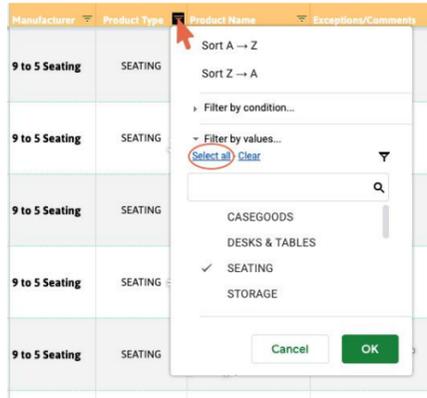
If a filter is on, the Filter icon will change to a Funnel showing which columns a filter has been used on



- 7 Click on the filter icon in the column you would like to sort or filter by, to reveal the sort and filter options. Select which values to filter or sort by and press OK.



- 8 To clear a filter, click on the filter icon to reveal the sort and filter options. Select Filter by "Select all" and press OK.



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The healthier furniture and fabric options were compiled from Practice Greenhealth's Healthier Hospitals program and The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and The State of Minnesota's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Furniture Guides. This guide will be updated regularly as new information becomes available.

**Note:** Purchaser customization, modification and fabric choice can impact a product's ability to meet the restrictions on the hazardous handful. Therefore, purchasers are advised to work closely with their vendor to identify specific configurations and fabric choices that will meet the specifications.

CEH and Health Care Without Harm have developed technical specifications that can be used by purchasers in Requests for Proposals, Requests for Information or in contracts to avoid the targeted chemicals of concern.

[Download the Technical Specifications](#)

For further assistance on healthier procurement, contact [procurement@ceh.org](mailto:procurement@ceh.org)

Founded in 1996, CEH is a national non-profit organization of people dedicated to eliminating the dangers of toxic and disease-causing chemicals in our everyday environment.

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