



# SUSTAINABLE GIFT SELECTION GUIDE

	Best	Better	Good	Avoid
<b>Types:</b>	<b>Experiential</b>	<b>Consumable</b>	<b>Highly Functional Item / Reputable Brand</b>	<b>Non-functional Item / Collectable</b>

If you choose a physical item, please use the recommendations below. Consider an opt-in policy when possible.

<b>PRODUCTION</b>	Locally made; manufacturer has end-of-life plan; carbon off-sets for manufacturing	Made in the USA		Made and sold from other countries
<b>PACKAGING</b>	No packaging	Minimal or reusable packaging, non individually wrapped bulk packaging	Water-soluble plant-derived packaging and/or recycled, biodegradable, recyclable	Heavy packaging, refrigerant packaging, plastic/styrofoam, plastic cling wrap
<b>MATERIALS</b>	Metal; bamboo	FSC wood; recycled glass	Recycled plastic; ceramics	Virgin plastic
<b>ELECTRONICS</b>	Replaceable/repairable parts; reputable brand; long-lasting	Please recognize that electronics regularly evolve and become obsolete quickly. Please be considerate about your technology purchases with this in mind.		
<b>APPAREL</b>	Regenerative, organic, ethically sourced, repurposed materials; non GNE logo	Reputable brand	Recycled materials	Virgin materials
<b>SHIPPING</b>	Digital (no shipping)	Carbon-offset shipping	<b>In person:</b> Shipped to single location for distribution. <b>Virtual:</b> Shipped directly to individual attendees	Overnight and expedited shipping
<b>OWNERSHIP</b>	BIPOC-owned, women-owned, run by or supports underserved individuals	Local, small business	USA business	International business

Not sure where to start? Check your vendors for any of these certifications and business practices.

**CERTIFICATIONS / BUSINESS PRACTICES**

Circular & take-back initiatives, Fair labor standards, Ethical supply chain, Charitable initiatives