



Rental*

Fact sheet:

Tool and Equipment Rental



Products and services marked with the green star are designed to help customers identify items within our ranges with a focus on reducing environmental impacts. Customers can use the information provided to filter and understand more about the products they're interested in or have purchased.

Why tool and equipment rental matters

Moving from an ownership approach to a use-oriented approach to products can help to address environmental impacts and is key to [moving towards a circular economy](#).

Opting to rent equipment or a tool instead of purchasing has many benefits including:

- Renting helps create a closed-loop system where products are used to their fullest potential and materials are kept in circulation, minimizing waste and maximizing resource efficiency.
- Renting tools/equipment allows contractors to access specialised tools for specific projects without the need for individual ownership, reducing the need for manufacturing and storage of rarely used equipment.
- A single tool may be used frequently during its lifetime. A rental tool may be used by many customers for multiple projects
- The rental tool will be well maintained. Rental service providers will check the tool between hires for safety and functionality.
- At the tool's end-of-life, the rental service provider takes responsibility for disposal, including recycling materials, components or the product in its entirety where possible, minimising the amount of waste sent to landfill.

The green star tool rental criteria apply to power tools, hand tools and other equipment such as ladders. It includes outdoor and indoor tools.

It does not include:

- Petrol powered tools. Although the environmental impact of renting a petrol-powered tool may be lower than opting to own one, there are specific problems with petrol powered tools. As well as using fossil fuels directly, users are exposed to pollutants from the motors.
- Single use accessories and consumables, including personal protection equipment.

Criteria 1:



How we assess green star products and services

Every product and service should meet:

- All relevant legal requirements**
- All Kingfisher policy requirements.**

[You can access the Kingfisher policies here.](#) These include Human Rights, Supply Chain Workplace Standards and Sustainable Packaging.

Products and services are also checked against a Watch List. The watch list contains several criteria or features, relevant to the product type, that if present disqualify the product from being marked with a green star. The relevant Watch List can be found at the end of this factsheet. The Watch List is reviewed and revised annually.

Life cycle assessments have not been completed for every green star product, but by employing policies and the Watch List Criteria in Kingfisher's Sustainable Home Product Guidelines, many factors in the life cycle of a product are considered.

The green star 'tool rental' assessment focuses on the end-of-life phase of the product's life cycle. This is where the service can bring the biggest benefit across its utilisation, however green star excludes products that may have other environmental aspects that are harmful either as a result of manufacture or end of life disposal.

Criteria 2:



Green star programme entry

Tool and equipment rental schemes qualify for green star with the following exceptions:

- Petrol powered tools.
- Single use accessories and consumables, including personal protection equipment.

Providing Criteria 1 and 2 have been met, a product or service can be highlighted with the Green Star.

Reviewing and confirming green star status

- ✓ All products and services nominated are assessed internally by our sustainability team and submitted to NGO Bioregional for external validation. Assessments and validation aim to establish if a product meets Criteria 1 and 2. To find out more about NGO Bioregional, [click here](#)
- ✓ Once the external review is conducted, the product or service can then be confirmed and marked with the Green Star.
- ✓ A full review is conducted annually to ensure all products and services continue to meet the selection criteria.

Watch List Criteria relevant to Tool Rental

These criteria specify features of products that make them unsuitable for Green Star assessment:

- ✘ Petrol powered tools, including generators.
- ✘ Oil based fuels and lubricants.
- ✘ Single use accessories, including personal protection equipment where reusable options are available.
- ✘ Products containing specified carbon intensive materials:
 - Product with components made from paper or wood that do not meet Kingfisher's Forest Positive policy.
 - Products containing any palm oil, cotton, rubber, biobased materials or leather with no evidence that the materials have been responsibly sourced.
- ✘ Products where the packaging contains PVC or expanded polystyrene.

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