

Environmental Information

At Cumberland Furniture we recognize the importance of protecting the environment and using our resources intelligently. In order to operate in a manner that protects the ecosystem in which we operate we are dedicated to reducing, reusing, and recycling throughout the entire business process.

It is the total effects of these procedures - and our continual desire to seek better and more innovative solutions - that leads to long-term improvements in our environment. We are committed to being responsible corporate citizens in every area of our business.

How our policy is implemented

1. During the design phase of a product, the product is designed with a consideration of environmental impact.
2. Lean manufacturing concepts are used to help reduce material waste.

Wood Practices

1. We do not use any endangered rainforest wood species.
2. Of the woods and veneers that we use, they are purchased from companies who practice sustainable forestry.

Packaging Materials

1. Cumberland uses recycled pallets to ensure that fewer trees are cut down.
2. The padding used in the packaging of Cumberland products is designed to provide superior protection with minimum material. The cushioning material may be reused or processed in waste-to-energy facilities. It conforms to the European Packaging Directive "Essential Requirements" 94/62/EC and can be compacted to 10% of its original volume and will not pollute air or groundwater.
3. All corrugated material utilized in packaging is produced from and a renewable resource and contains 10-35% post-consumer recycled content. It provide superior protection and is recyclable and biodegradable.
4. Whenever possible, shipments are consolidated to minimize the environmental impact of transportation.

5. All waste generated from the manufacture of our cartons is compacted into bales, recycled into corrugated medium and reused.
6. Where applicable, packaging materials are entirely either biodegradable or recycled.

Reduce Waste

1. High-tech spray guns in our finish department that increase transfer efficiency by 48% as compared to standard sprayers.
2. Continuous process improvement practices to increase efficiency while decreasing overall waste.

Clean Air Practices

1. Conform to state emissions regulations and fall below levels required for testing.
2. Wood stains, sealers and lacquers have low HAPs.

Supplier Compliance

1. Our supplier's work hard to reduce, reuse and recycle throughout the manufacturing process and work to manage their operations with the least amount of environmental impact possible.
2. Wood: Cumberland only utilizes lumber suppliers that are committed to the application of advance forest management.
3. Veneer Panels: Our suppliers have completed and fulfilled the requirements of CPA 2-06 specification for Environmentally preferable products. They have also lowered current formaldehyde emission ceiling from 0.20ppm to the 0.18ppm ceiling to meet the requirements of CARB Phase I.
4. Leather: Our leather supplier, Elmo, is chrome free and fully recyclable. Elmo does not use chrome tanning agents that are difficult to dispose of and harmful to the environment. Also, since the leather is recyclable it can avoid ending up in a landfill. Cattle raised without barbed wire fencing provide maximum yield leather hides.
5. Textiles: All specified textiles comply with EPA requirements and contain no ozone depleting chemicals.
6. Foam: Cumberland use American made BioFlex™ foam manufactured with soybeans harvested by American farmers. The resulting foam outperforms traditional foam, yet consumes less petroleum. In addition, producing this foam reduced total energy demand needed to create foam by 23%, reduced non-renewable energy use by 61%, and produces 36% fewer global warming emissions. The life cycle analysis estimates this BioFlex Hybrid Foam will save more that 50,000 barrels of oil per year
7. Granite: All stone products manufacturing complies with OSHA standards.

8. Glass: Our glass includes 30% recycled glass content and the finished product is 100% completely recyclable and can therefore avoid ending up in a landfill. More recycled content is used when it is available.
9. Steel: Most of our metal products are made with stainless steel and not plated chrome. Plating is a noxious process, with environmentally unfriendly waste. Stainless steel looks better, last longer, and is more environmentally friendly. Our stainless steel includes a minimum of 69% recycled steel content and the finished product is 100% completely recyclable and can therefore avoid ending up in a landfill.
10. Aluminum: The supplier of extruded aluminum for our Fortis line recycles 100% of their scrap aluminum.
11. Powdercoats: Cumberland uses non-solvent powdercoat finishes on metal instead of solvent base wet spray materials. As a result, they have eliminated VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) emissions and reduced the amount of potentially hazardous materials. Cumberland also complies with the EPA's strict Clean Air Act Standards.

Recycling Initiatives

1. All corrugated material generated or used to support our operations is recycled
2. Whenever possible, Cumberland uses materials that are made from recyclable materials.
3. Waste solvents from our finishing processes are recycled or used in a fuel to waste energy program and are never placed in a landfill.
4. Recycling cardboard for the past 8 years
5. Scrap woods are recycled.

Land Use Guidelines

1. Our manufacturing and office facilities are all reclaimed urban manufacturing facilities that were constructed near existing highways, water, sewer, and utilities in order to not participate in urban sprawl and the impact that it has on the environment.

Lifecycle Analysis and Considerations

1. Cumberland's classic designs, use of the finest material available, and superior craftsmanship prolong the life of the piece.