

What is sustainable furniture anyway?

It is many things because sustainability is about using the resources available to us today in such a way that future generations also have the resources they need.

How do I know what is eco-friendly?

Consider these questions.

Q WHERE DOES THE WOOD COME FROM THAT WAS USED IN THIS FURNITURE?

The most important consideration in wood procurement is to ensure that the wood was legally harvested from responsibly managed forests.

Q IS THE WOOD THIRD-PARTY CERTIFIED?

Look for legitimate third-party certifications that have high standards and the ability to monitor performance. Some examples include Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and in North America, Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI).

Q DOES THIS MANUFACTURER HAVE A SOCIAL EQUITY CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THEIR PRODUCTION PROCESSES?

A Social Equity Code of Conduct provides assurance that workers are fairly treated, receive decent wages, and work in a safe environment. Every manufacturer should be able to produce a written code of conduct.

Q DOES THIS MANUFACTURER HAVE AN ENERGY USE REDUCTION PLAN?

The production of electricity is the single largest contributor to CO₂ emissions worldwide. Companies with an energy use reduction plan are a significant part of the solution.

Q WHERE WAS THIS FURNITURE MANUFACTURED?

Transportation is the second major contributor to CO₂ emissions. Look for furniture that was produced closest to where you live and uses raw materials sourced within a 500 mile radius of their manufacturing facilities. Buying local will cut emissions and support local economies.

Q WERE PAINTS OR FINISHES WITH HIGH VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOC'S) USED ON THIS PRODUCT?

VOC's are harmful pollutants from finishes such as paints, varnishes and lacquers that are released during the manufacturing process and into your home. Water-based finishes are the best choice for low or no VOC's.

How do I learn more?

Visit our exhibitors. Attend these SFC sponsored seminars.

Sunday, Jan 26

CRADLE-TO-CRADLE THINKING

What It Is, What It can do for You

1:00-2:00 pm | Building C, LVDC Seminar Room C444

Speakers:

Lori Dennis, Lori Dennis Designs

Lewis Perkins,

Cradle To Cradle Products Innovation Institute

Join SFC with Lewis Perkins of Cradle To Cradle Products Innovation Institute and Lori Dennis of Lori Dennis Designs as they discuss the cutting edge principles of their work, with input from SFC's own Susan Inglis. Cradle to cradle thinking considers not just how it looks, but the entire life cycle of an environment or a product, from the extraction of the raw material, through processing, manufacturing, distribution, use, reuse and recycling.

What do you have at the end of the production? Something you can use to create anew, or a toxin? Come and learn more about the principle and about how forward-thinking businesses are applying this way of thinking to get ahead in their markets without compromising on beauty, comfort, or functionality. (0.1 CEU)

Monday, Jan 27

FTC GREEN GUIDES

The Claims You Make

4:30 pm-6:00 pm | Building C, Seminar Room C174

The Specialty Sleep Association presents Attorney **James Kohm**, the Associate Director for the Enforcement Division of the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection discussing the enforcement of the FTC "Green Guides" for manufacturers and retailers making "green" claims in their marketing and advertising, and educate furniture and mattress/bedding manufacturers on how to comply with the agency's updated guidelines.

ONEGOODGUIDE WINTER 2014

A Reliable List of Companies Offering Eco-Friendly Products

COMPANY		COMPANY	
BUILDING A			
Thom Filicia	A-0101, A-0125	Copeland Furniture	B-0726
Stanley Furniture	A-0110	Abbyson Living	B-0880
Currey & Company	A-0119	Carolina Mattress Guild	B-0946
Wallteriors Handcrafted Surfacing Materials	A-0119	Furniture Core	B-1050
Safavieh	A-0125	GE Capital	B-1050
Palecek	A-0132	Guardian Protection Products, Inc.	B-1050
Four Hands	A-0140	NAHFA Retailer Resource Center	B-1050
The Phillips Collection	A-0202	Service Lamp Corp.	B-1050
Ergo Bedroom	A-0219	Sustainable Furnishings Council	B-1050
Vi-Spring Beds	A-0219	Leggett & Platt	B-1326
rcfurniture	A-0254	BUILDING C	
Omnia Leather Furniture	A-0256	Nourison	C-0112
Kathy Ireland Home	A-0301, A-1019, B-0822	Bevara Design House	C-0145
Classic Flame	A-0548	Selamat	C-0301
Handy Living	A-0614	PolArt	C-0303
angelo:HOME	A-0614, A-0120	Classic Home	C-0309
Ekornes	A-0735	Guildmaster	C-0324
Fairmont Designs	A-0754	Jeffan International	C-0340
Somerton Dwelling	A-0914	Ro Sham Beaux	C-0368
SEI (Southern Enterprises, Inc.)	A-0925	Peninsula Home Collection	C-0398
Duraflame by Twin-Star	A-1036	Surya	C-0400
Twin-Star International (ClassicFlame - Tresanti)	A-1036	Cisco Brothers Corp.	C-0401
		TerraSur	C-0457
		Bramble Company, The	C-0485
		Savvy Rest	C-1554
		Felix Forever Foundations	C-1565
		Naturepedic	C-1565
		Palm Pring Mattress	C-1565
		Sleep & Beyond	C-1565
		Specialty Sleep Association	C-1565
		Spaldin Sleep Systems	C-1568
		Natura World/Obusforme	C-1576
		FXI/Anatomic Global Inc.	C-1588
		Softline Home Fashions, Inc.	C5-0103
		Cozy Earth	C5-0505
		Greenington LLC	C5-0629
		Eangee	C5-1107
		Canvas Nursery	C5-1227
BUILDING B			
New World Trading	B-0100		
Canadel	B-0101		
Groovystuff	B-0146		
Copper Instincts	B-0150		
Home Trends & Design, Ltd.	B-0155		
Young America	B-0220-2		
Gabby	B-0320		
Pacific Green	B-0328		
Europe2You	B-0367		
Loloi	B-0480		
Simply Amish	B-0558		
Lazar Industries	B-0612		
Huntington Industries	B-0624		
Creative Elegance, Inc.	B-0670		
G. Romano, Inc.	B-0701		



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