

Green Shopping Guide



When you choose wood and paper products from certified sustainable forests, you help to ensure that there will be abundant forests for generations to come.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Here are some of the most common labels:



pefc.org - Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification, or PEFC, was founded in 1999 as the global umbrella organization for the assessment and mutual recognition of national and international certification systems.



sfiprogram.org - Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) is one of the world's largest sustainable forest programs, encompassing more than 135 million acres of land in North America. It is the only U.S. program endorsed by the PEFC.








fsc.org - Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is an international association of diverse members representing environmental and social groups, the timber trade and forestry profession, indigenous people's organizations and others.



certifiedwood.csa.ca - The Canadian Standards Association's (CSA) standard is Canada's National Standard and accounts for a majority of the forest certifications in Canada. It is recognized globally through endorsement by the PEFC.

OTHER WAYS TO SHOP GREEN

Now that you'll be keeping your eyes open for certified forest products, what else can you do? Here are some other suggestions for making your shopping experience a greener one:

-  If you can't find certified forest products in your neighborhood store, talk to the manager about buying from certified suppliers. Tell them you'd prefer to buy certified products.
-  Look for recycled paper products.
-  Save paper bags and take them to the grocery store - use them to put fruits and vegetables in while shopping.
-  Make your shopping list on the back-side of paper you've already used.
-  For more information on shopping certified visit www.abundantforests.org/certification.html

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