

Aware of the growing need to guard the planet, Vanguard Furniture is again taking a leading position in the industry in developing environmentally-conscious furnishings. Sustainability is more than a program; we see it as a way of life. Working in all areas of our enterprise, from suppliers to our manufacturing process, we emphasize reducing waste and using sustainable elements. We hope you will help us as we do our part to guard the planet.



Corporate Initiatives

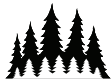
Sustainable Furniture Council
A Non-profit industry association

Vanguard joined the SFC in 2007 to help us understand ways in which our manufacturing process can become more sustainable. Sustainable practices are those that balance environmental and social concerns as well as the usual economic concerns.



Manufacturing by-product Recycling
Fabric Scraps, Plastics, Metal, Corrugated

The bulk of the waste created during the manufacturing process is recycled by Vanguard. Our Corporate Goal is to recycle 100% of all post-manufacturing waste and thus eliminating landfill needs. In 2008 alone, almost 24,000 pounds of plastic from containers and packaging was recycled, along with over 180,000 pounds of fabric. All fabric and wood waste is sent via partners to be recycled or re-manufactured for other uses, rather than being sent to landfills.



Sustainable Forestry

Wood

The majority of Vanguard casegoods have panels with cores that are sourced from certified well-managed facilities according to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).



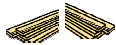
Laminated Hardwood

Vanguard partners with a founding member of the FSC for laminated hardwood, which is used in frame construction with yields of approximately 85% from one 4'x6' sheet of plywood.



Reclaimed Wood

In certain cases, Vanguard uses wood products from unusual sources, such as used car crates, to be re-manufactured into high quality furnishings.



Wood Scraps

We partner with local manufacturers to insure that our wood scraps are utilized in a recycled manor. Currently, our wood scraps provide fuel for a manufacturers boiler.



Saw Dust

Dust created through wood working is converted into a recycled, saleable material.

Cushioning



Natural Fibers
Down & Feathers

The majority of Vanguard cushion options include a mix of duck feathers and down, which are all-natural byproducts.



Soy-based cushions

Vanguard's manufacturing partners have developed new, soy-based cushioning that not only reduces energy and oil consumption, but also is renewable and domestically grown, and therefore more stable.



Spirals

Vanguard coils contain more than 80% scrap or recycled material. The manufacturing process uses no chemicals or hazardous materials, and all finished springs are shipped in recycled-paper cartons.



Polyurethane Foam

All of Vanguard's polyurethane foam products are certified by the CertiPUR-US. This certification is the most extensive testing standards in North America, one of the main benefits is the assurance that the products do not contain harmful materials such as lead, mercury and PBDE fire retardants.

Textiles



Natural / Organic Fibers

Many Vanguard fabrics are made of 100% natural fibers such as cotton and wool.

Recycled Fibers

Vanguard is working with vendors to offer fabrics that are created with recycled materials. Fabrics can have recycled polyester components, can be made with 100% post-industrial recycled polyester fibers, or can even be salvaged fabrics from other sources, such as a truck tarp.



Recycled Polyester Fibers

Salvaged Truck Tarp



Printed Materials

Marketing Materials

Many of Vanguard's Catalogs and Point of Purchase materials bear the mark of FSC Mixed Sources, a product group from well-managed forests, controlled sources and recycled wood or fiber. We also use soy-based inks on numerous printed materials.



Paperless Office

In 2007, Vanguard embarked on a goal to have a paperless administration process. All of our acknowledgements and invoices are now emailed to our customers rather than printing paper products. Our state of the art scanning software allows the administrative side of the business to eliminate paper in the office.