

Sustainability Statement



Bryan Ashley International has long been committed to developing and implementing environmentally responsible procedures throughout all phases of the manufacturing process, as well as protecting and preserving natural resources around the globe. We do not believe that being eco-friendly and manufacturing beautiful, functional, durable furniture are mutually exclusive concepts.

We are proud to report that a variety of environmentally friendly manufacturing technologies and innovative plant management procedures are continuously instituted to conserve energy and reduce waste at our production facilities.

At our manufacturing facilities around the world, we purchase raw materials from local suppliers and from indigenous sources. We partner only with vendors who are equally committed to the highest production standards while also adhering to international environmental laws and regulations.

The woods we use are harvested by suppliers who regularly reseed their lands. Our lumber vendors use advanced reforestation and land management techniques. We do not use wood from old growth forests or rainforests. Among the rapidly renewable resources we incorporate into many of our pieces is bamboo which is naturally fast growing and replenished in managed groves.



Wherever possible, we use natural or natural/synthetic composites, including in such components as fabrics, leather and thread; CFC-free foam in our upholstered seating; and bio-degradable packing materials. All of our MDF substrates are made from post-consumer recyclable materials. The hardware, door knobs and handles on our case goods are made from salvaged and reprocessed metals.

Among the innovative finishing techniques we feature is the Waterfall Finishing System wherein all the excess finish chemicals from the spray guns is recaptured and reused rather than released into the environment.

The sanding departments in all of our factories use Dust Collection Systems to reduce airborne contaminants within the building and to maintain clean and healthy working conditions for the production staff.

We are a registered supporter of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative. Our furniture production methods and shipping supplies use natural and sustainable materials.

As part of our standard recycling program, we reuse shipping pallets and reclaim packing materials and corrugated paper. This results in significant reductions in waste which would otherwise be headed to a landfill. It also reduces our expenses and fuel consumption to dispose of these used (but still usable) materials and allows us to control the amount spent on purchases of new shipping materials. Scrap wood and cutoffs are used in furnaces to heat the buildings in the winter, during the remainder of the year they are sent to recyclers to process into mulch.

Whenever possible, when shipping finished products or receiving raw materials, we try to schedule back hauls to encourage fuel conservation and avoid deadhead runs.

As part of our Special Green Program, designed for those properties where an even higher level of attention to sustainable issues must be paid, we are also able to offer 100%:

- Recycled veneers
- Formaldehyde-free substrates
- Water-based adhesives
- Water-based solvents, stains and finishes



Our non-production related efforts to reduce the amount of waste produced by our business extend even into our sales department. By offering our catalog on line and on CD we can service our customers through technology and conserve paper by printing fewer catalogs.

Bryan Ashley International diligently and proactively works to identify and reduce the environmental impact of our operations, achieve the highest levels of operational efficiencies, and implement practices which conserve and protect our natural resources.

Our goal is to minimize our footprint on the environment while increasing the impression we make on our customers for producing the most comfortable and creative furniture. In a world where thinking green is no longer a fad or catchphrase but a moral imperative, we are doing our part to sustain nature's irreplaceable resources for ourselves, our children and the myriad of species with whom we share this planet.

