

LIAT Environmental Mission

LIAT is committed to reducing, reusing and recycling. We use non-solvent based adhesives and minimize the use of disposable packaging. The processes used reduce the strain on the environment.

Wood is a great material! It is the most diverse, process friendly and widely utilized natural resource in mankind's history. No other natural resource can match the environmental advantages of wood. It is renewable, recyclable, and biodegradable. Utilizing the sun's energy, trees grow and remove carbon dioxide from the air while giving off oxygen to benefit the entire planet. Harvesting mature trees in a sustainable forest allows the photosynthetic cycle to continue at full optimization. We are proud to use wood as our primary "Green" renewable resource.

Surprisingly, much of the public has the impression that manufacturing wood furniture involves wasting natural resources and destroying the environment, when just the opposite is true. Hardwood trees are growing much faster than they are being cut, ensuring that wood will still be an important part of the future. According to the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. grows each year about 50 percent more than what we are cutting. More trees are in the forest today than yesterday. Current statistics from the Forest Service indicate that there is more than 715 billion board feet of commercial size timber growing and available, and this does not include trees growing in parks, wilderness or other set-aside land.

LIAT employees are trained in compliance with the applicable Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations to exceed all applicable Department of Environmental management 9DEM) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations for air emissions, storm water and hazardous waste disposal.

Alternative materials are available for consideration from LIAT. Solid wood and engineered woods like Lyptus®, Plyboo®, reclaimed woods, agricultural and post-consumer waste fiber products, soy-based rein bio-composites, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified wood – the list continues to grow-all allow possible LEED credits toward Green Building Certification. These options can be considered for specific applications based on their performance. We support sustainable forestry by purchasing wood products grown in sustainable forest programs.

It is the investments in our finishing process, packaging system and reusable resources that will assure our Customers continue to receive the best value in furnishings.