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The Environment

E is for Environment

our commitment

Elmwood is proud to be a part of the KCMA (Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturer's Association's) Environmental Stewardship Program (ESP). This Environmental Stewardship Program is designed to recognize those cabinet manufacturers who not only understand, but practice reducing pollution and waste while promoting resource sustainability. This designation represents the Industry Standard for practicing environmental responsibility. The Environmental Stewardship Program requires it's licensee's to maintain their status by completing annual re-certification and provide proof of compliance in 5 categories:

Air Quality - Resource Management Regarding Product Offering - Resource Management Regarding Process - Environmental Stewardship - Community Relations

air quality

Elmwood features cabinet lines constructed with materials containing low VOC (volatile organic compounds), California Air Resources Board (CARB) Phase-2 compliant materials as well as EPP Composite Panel Association (CPA) 2-06 compliant melamines. CARB compliance requires that all products manufactured using particle board have less than 0.09 ppm (parts per million) formaldehyde emissions. The CPA requires that all products manufactured using particle board have less than 0.2 ppm formaldehyde emissions.Our MDF doors and cabinet components are manufactured following these guidelines for MDF. CARB compliance for MDF is 0.11 ppm formaldehyde and CPA is 0.2 ppm of emissions.More than 75% of our products are finished in house, and these finishes emit no greater Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPS) than allowed by our local Environmental Ministry.

resource management and responsibility

Elmwood offers, upon request, FSC® (Forest Stewardship Counsel) certified hardwood components. We also utilize an active recycling program that processes solvents, paper & cardboard, plastics and wood waste items.We have a firm commitment to environmental quality as evidenced by a written policy, which includes a documented program promoting the use of renewable/recycled materials or products. As part of our responsibility, Elmwood also enjoys demonstrating a responsibility to our community through involvement and leadership in programs such as Habitat for Humanity and other various chartiable organizations.

plyboo

Elmwood offers plyboo solid bamboo doors in a contemporary flat slab style called "Newport" and in a transitional 5 piece recessed panel Shaker style called "MEssina", Our plyboo doors are available in 2 natural colours: Natural Lite and Caramel. The plyboo we use from Smith & Fong Co. has qualified for the FSC Pure designation. Our supplier's company's sources use no irrigation, pesticides or fertilizers in growing their bamboo. The growth rate of this Bamboo can be as much as 6 inches, up to as much as a foot per day. That's 1.5 - 2 inches per hour!

lyptus

We offer most of our 5 piece solidwood doors in Lyptus®. This is a very hard, dense wood that looks much like Mahogany. It is actually a hybrid tree derived from the eucalyptus species. These plantation grown trees grow much faster than normal and may be harvest within 14-16 years of planting. Lyptus® forests are 11 times more productive per hectare per year when compared to a temperate forest that takes on the order of 80-100 years to mature. Virtually every portion of these logs are utilized, converting not only to lumber but other useable by products.

engineered exotic veneers

We offer our Napa, New Haven and Chelsea contemporary slab door styles in 19 different environmentally responsible engineered exotic veneers. These veneers preserve rare and exotic trees for future generations by being plantation grown. Several species of wood can be used such as: Ayous & Basswood. 10 saplings are re-planted for every single tree havested and 100% of the wood fibre is used. All dyes used are water-based and contain no harmful heavy metals. Defect free panels offer maximum yield and minimal waste.

kirei board

Elmwood also features our Pacifica door using Kirei Board as the center panel in a Transitional 5 piece recessed panel Shaker style door. Kirei board is a strong, lightweight and durable environmentally friendly substitute for wood - useable in furniture, cabinetry, casework and interior design elements. It is manufactured from reclaimed sorghum straw and no-added formaldehyde adhesives. Kirei Board brings a beautiful new element to modern interior design.

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