

Proverbs: simple words, long on experience.

At Indiana Furniture, our sustainability story is, well, like an old proverb—practical wisdom, succinctly told, based on more than a century of experience.



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Nothing succeeds like success.



COMMON SENSE PAYS

Thanks to wise stewardship of our resources, Indiana Furniture was able to pay its shareholders dividends—even through the Great Depression.

At Indiana Furniture, we **REDUCED + REUSED + RECYCLED** long before it was the thing to do. We've been careful stewards of our resources for more than 100 years, simply because reducing waste made sense—for our business, and, as it turns out, for the people who produce and use our furniture, and for the earth we all share. We've proven that environmental sustainability and a strong bottom line can and should go hand in hand. And for more than a century, we've been showing others how it's done.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.



OUR GOAL IS ZERO WASTE TO LANDFILL

We reduced our waste to landfill significantly last year. And the year before that, too. Our ultimate goal is to eliminate waste to landfill altogether, and we come closer every year.

REDUCING TRIPS TO LANDFILL

Last year, we replaced a line of dumpsters with one compactor that reduces both our volume of waste and our trips to the landfill. That means we're reducing our carbon footprint, reducing volume to landfill, and saving our company money, all at the same time.

GOAL: REDUCE WASTE TO LANDFILL

Reducing the millions of tons of waste that end up in landfills each year is one of the greatest environmental challenges we face. The surest way to reduce waste is to prevent it in the first place. So we buy responsibly; we reject unnecessary packaging; and we design, manufacture, and purchase with waste reduction top of mind. It just makes sense for us and for the world we live in.

Indiana Furniture meets or exceeds ANSI/BIFMA, EPA, and OSHA standards, and has for years.



GOAL: FIND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO REUSE SCRAP MATERIALS

Throwing away what could be put to good use offends our sensibilities. So we're always looking for new ways to put our offal to good purpose. We don't throw a single scrap away unless we cannot find a way to reuse, repurpose, or recycle it. That dedication has led us to some interesting ways to repurpose what others might toss out.

FUEL OUR NEIGHBOR'S KILNS
Our sawdust and wood scraps find new purpose fueling the kilns of a clay tile producer just 1/2 hour down the road.

GROW FLOWERS
Our goal is to be 100% paperless. In the meantime, our document imaging program is drastically reducing paper use throughout our company. The paper we do use is recycled or shredded to mulch nearby gardens.

Our core materials—which account for about 90% of our product by weight—are made from 100% preconsumer recycled materials.

If something's worth doing, it's worth doing well.



GOAL: MAKE PRODUCTS WITH LONGER LIFE CYCLES

One of the surest ways to reduce our impact on the planet is to make and buy things that last. And this one's a natural for us. Our products are made using craftsmanship, construction methods, and attention to detail that are part of our century-long legacy in wood manufacturing. We've always known that making products that last is good for our customers. Now we know that it's good for the earth too.

DURABLE FINISHES

Our Greenguard Certified UV finish is made to last. It's practically impervious to stains, scratches, and yellowing. And it earned an outstanding 5 out of 5 in durability testing (most finishes earn around 3).

ADAPTABLE DESIGNS

Our casegoods and conferencing products are designed to reconfigure, rearrange, and respond to change in our customers' work environments. Products that adapt to change have longer useful lives and provide better return on your investment.

We stand behind the longevity of our products, backing them with 10-year warranties on all casegoods and conferencing products; 5 years on seating.





GOAL: REDUCE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Reducing the use of fossil fuels is the surest way to slow global climate change. To that end we're continually exploring and upgrading to new technologies that reduce our energy consumption—from ovens to lighting to heating and more. We source our materials locally, we manufacture expeditiously, and when we ship our products out, it's with intentional efficiency.

PUSH NEW TECHNOLOGIES

We've drastically reduced our carbon footprint by converting from natural gas to halogen technology in our curing ovens (reducing our energy consumption by a staggering 45%). Beyond gains in efficiency, the new ovens run cooler, creating a decidedly more comfortable environment for those who work here.

CONSERVE FUEL

Whenever we can, we give priority to carriers in the EPA's SmartWay Transport program—a partnership that reduces the impact of freight transport on the environment. This year alone, the program will save as much as 150 million barrels of oil in the U.S. (the equivalent of taking 12 million cars off the road).

Using domestic hardwoods grown right here in the Midwest is part of our larger effort to source raw materials locally—ultimately our goal is to source all materials from within 500 miles or less.

GOAL: ELIMINATE HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS AND WASTE

We've turned the corner on eliminating toxic chemicals from our plants, our processes, and our products. Our efforts have earned us coveted third-party certification from the GREENGUARD Environmental Institute and great marks from the EPA. We've invested millions on systems that reduce emissions in our plants and in our products. And we're continually researching and sourcing materials with an eye toward their impact on the environment.

REPURPOSE BTUs

In 2003, we began collecting waste from the filters of our spray-finish booths and turning it to good use. Today, what was once a hazardous byproduct is now fueling the kilns of a local cement plant, reducing their need for fossil fuels and their cost of doing business at the same time.

WIN-WIN SOLUTIONS

Today, we're repurposing our scrap thermofused melamine—using it in place of particleboard for internal components in our casegoods. The switch means less waste, and, even better, we're trading a potentially formaldehyde-emitting board with non-emitting melamine.

Indiana Furniture is one of the very few wood manufacturers to offer Greenguard Certified products. And, thanks to our UV finish technology, we offer certified products at standard pricing—no upcharge and on standard leadtime—with no delays.

The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago, the second best time is now.



SUSTAINABLE HARVESTING
Most of our veneers and hardwoods are harvested from sustainably managed North American forests. Through sound management practices, these forests are growing 150% faster than they're being harvested.

WE'RE IN FARM COUNTRY AND WE LIKE IT THAT WAY.
We believe in the value of open land—for habitat, for preservation, simply for its beauty. Since the early 90s, we've made efforts to maintain the green space around our facilities, preserving 160 acres of green space, including 30 acres for community recreation and 80 acres of designated wetlands for future generations.

GOAL: PRESERVE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

We believe in the value of green spaces—in field, in forests, wherever it's found. That's why we use woods and veneers from sustainable sources, why we offer FSC-certified veneers and why we source SFI-certified core materials. It's a part of our effort to keep things green, close to home and around the world.

Wood is a natural carbon-sequestering material. When we use wood in our products, we sequester the carbon for as much as 50 years longer than if the same trees were left to die and decay.

May the forest be with you.

We've been making wood furniture longer than just about anyone... and we want to be doing so for a long time to come. That's a large part of why we take a stewardship approach to our resources. We believe that environmental sustainability and business profits need not be mutually exclusive. They can and should exist side by side in a mutually beneficial relationship. Our success is evidence of that.

We belong, are involved in, contribute to, or work with:
BIFMA International
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U.S. Green Building Council
Governor's Commission of Bio-mass Products
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