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### Green Building Points

You can earn up to 17 points on Build It Green's GreenPoint Rated System program and credit on US Green Building Council's LEED point system by using FSC wood, recycled wood, and alternative building products. Cost varies with the product and market availability and in most cases is competitive or slightly more.

Learn more at <http://www.builditgreen.org/> and <http://www.usgbc.org/>.



### FSC Wood Products

- Framing Lumber
- Wood Flooring, Doors, Windows
- Plywood, OSB, Particle Boards
- Kitchen and Bathroom Cabinets
- Built-ins and Closet Systems

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## Retailers Carrying FSC Lumber

- Aura Hardwood Lumber** (209) 579-2872  
210 Phelan Ave., San Jose 95112
- Beronio Lumber** (415) 824-4300  
2525 Marin St., San Francisco 94124
- EarthSource Forest Products** (800) 675-7257  
1618 28<sup>th</sup> St., Oakland 94608  
1810 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St., San Jose 95112  
2035 Newcomb Ave., San Francisco 94124
- Economy Lumber** (408) 378-5231  
720 Camden Ave., Campbell 95008
- Fairfax Lumber** (415) 453-4410  
109 Broadway, Fairfax 94930
- Golden State Lumber** (209) 234-7700  
38801 Cherry St., Newark 94560  
1100 Anderson Dr., San Rafael 94901
- Higgins Hardwood** (925) 245-8000  
6951 Southfront Road, Livermore 94551
- O.K. Lumber** (650) 593-8041  
1061 Howard Ave, San Carlos 94070
- Van Arsdale Harris Lumber** (415) 467-8711  
595 Tunnel Avenue, Brisbane 94005

## FSC Flooring

- EcoTimber** (510) 809-8200  
5215 Central Avenue, Richmond 94804
- Flooring Alternatives**, Berkeley (877) 639-1345
- Golden State Flooring** (408) 392-0801  
1060 Commercial St., Ste 101, San Jose 95112  
871 Industrial Rd., San Carlos 94070
- Smith & Fong Co.** (415) 896-0577  
475 6<sup>th</sup> St., San Francisco 94103

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## Make the Right Choice



*A clearcut forest in the Sierra Nevada destroys forest habitat*



*A FSC-certified forest in the Sierra Nevada maintains forest habitat*

# Buy FSC Lumber

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## Forests are More Than Wood

Healthy forests are not only beautiful natural cathedrals, they provide vital ecological services to people and the environment. Diverse forests filter water and air, reduce greenhouse gases, and are home to fish, animals, and humans.



*Forests purify water*

## Logging Methods Matter

Selective logging, which is often FSC-certified, provides wood as well as ecological services. Clearcutting sacrifices these natural benefits for short-term timber profits with its regimen of:

- Remove almost all plant life
- Spray the site with herbicides
- Plant conifer seedlings to produce tree plantations, not diverse forests.



*Patches of clearcuts destroy Sierra Nevada forests*

## But, Clearcutting ...

### Pollutes Water

- Forests filter and store two-thirds of our water.
- Clearcut logging increases erosion and puts sediment into streams.
- Potentially cancer-causing herbicides can find their way into waterways.

### Increases Community Fire Risk

- Young trees are more fire prone than older trees with fire resistant bark.
- Single species plantations are vulnerable to insect infestation, increasing fire risk.
- Crown fires spread quickly across trees of the same age and size.

### Increases Global Warming

- Clearcutting reduces the ability of forests to sequester and store carbon for years – even if seedlings are planted.

### Threatens Wildlife

- Many birds and other animals depend on diverse forests for their survival.
- Clearcutting alters trout and salmon spawning habitats and stream conditions.

### Diminishes Recreation Experiences

- Mountain communities make more money from tourism than timber.
- As the amount of clearcut acreage rises, fishing and camping will be jeopardized.

## Buy Wood Products to Benefit All

Your choice of building materials affects what happens to our state's forests, watersheds, wild life, and how much we are able to reduce carbon emissions.

The **Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)** certifies wood products to ensure healthy forests over time. You can rely on the FSC symbol to guarantee that you are not supporting the destruction of our forests.



### How You Can Protect our Forests

1. Ask for FSC, look for the label, and buy FSC wood products for all your building projects – whether you are building a new house or remodeling.
2. Buy recycled wood.
3. Use alternative building products such as insulated concrete forms, rammed earth, straw bale, etc.
4. Learn more at: [www.fscus.org](http://www.fscus.org).



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