



Ecologic Industries, LLC

Corporate Commitment to a Sustainable Environment

Ecologic has been committed to environmental sustainability since our founding over twenty years ago. In fact, our first furniture product line was designed using recycled milk cartons. This hard plastic composite, known in the industry today as Eco-Lumber™, is still a leading furniture solution for universities highly committed to sustainability and the environment.

Over the years, Ecologic's commitment to environmental sustainability has only increased. We are constantly enhancing our environmental sustainable business through adaption of renewable resources and using post consumer recycled content.

In the student housing furniture industry Ecologic has augmented its leadership in its commitment to the environment throughout all its products and business endeavors. Our products range from:

- Recycled leather in our lounge series.
- Utilizing environmentally farmed timbers to prevent de-forestation.
- Recycled and reclaimed steel.
- Green label certified laminates and low-voc gases.

Ecologic is, by far, the leader in sustainable furniture for the student housing industry.

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

Ecologic is a proud supporter of global re-forestation projects. Ecologic is a leader in our industry in donating trees. As part of our global re-forestation initiative Ecologic is a proud corporate partner of American Forests®. American Forests is a world leader in planting trees for environmental restoration, a pioneer in the science and practice of urban forestry, and a primary communicator of the benefits of trees and forests.



ISO 14001

As a leader of Sustainability in the Student Housing Furniture industry, Ecologic is continuing its commitment to setting the standard for excellence. We are currently in process of obtaining our ISO 14001 certification. The ISO 14001 standard represents the core set of standards used by organizations for designing and implementing an effective environmental management system. ISO 14001:2004¹ is a management tool enabling an organization to:

- Identify and control the environmental impact of its activities, products or services.
- Improve its environmental performance continually by implementing a systematic approach to setting environmental objectives and targets.
- Achieve these targets and demonstrate they have been achieved.

FSC CoC

As part of Ecologic's commitment to LEED we are in the process of obtaining our FSC CoC certification. Currently, all of our core material suppliers are required by Ecologic to hold and display a current certificate. As such, Ecologic is excited to provide FSC certified woods for our customer's LEED certified projects. FSC chain of custody (CoC) allows credible tracking of FSC material from the forest, through all successive stages of the production process, and to committed retailers and consumers. CoC certification is for operations that manufacture, process or trade in timber or non-timber forest products.²

CoC certification requires operations to identify the origin of raw materials used in FSC certified products and to keep FSC certified products separate from other products throughout the production process.

Conservation Measures

Ecologic has implemented energy conservation measures at our headquarters and at our factories. We regulate light usage and thermostats on a daily and seasonal basis. In addition we have implemented a rainwater recovery system in the factory to reduce water consumption. Much of the rainwater recovery can be used in our finishing line's spray booth.

¹ www.iso.org

² www.fsc.org

LEED RATING SYSTEM

The most recent rating systems for LEED 2009 New Construction and Major Renovations awards 100 base points (with 6 possible innovation in design and 4 regional priority points).³ Most of the point accumulation to achieve certification, silver, gold, or platinum comes from the actual building construction. In fact, between the Sustainable Site and Energy and Atmosphere section a developer can account for a possible 61 points, enough for Gold Certification!

Despite this point weighting, Ecologic's commitment to sustainability is highlighted both within the LEED rating system, and in many other tangible ways.

MR Credit 2: Construction Waste Management (1-2 Points)

During all Ecologic supervised installations we redirect all our recyclable recovered resources back to either the manufacturing process or to appropriate recycling centers. While this is only a part of a larger plan for building construction, Ecologic is committed to doing our part to recycle or salvage all waste, packaging, and debris from the installation.

MR Credit 3: Materials Reuse (1-2 Points)

In several of Ecologic's furniture solutions the use of salvaged, refurbished and re-used materials is the prevalent core material. The sum of these materials often times easily exceeds 10% of the cost of the total materials on the project (this qualifies for 2 points).

- Specifically, Ecologic's Collegiate Series uses 80% recycled/reclaimed steel in the frames.
- Ecologic's Lounge Series is made by the only student housing furniture manufacturer to use reclaimed leather, Eco-Leather™.
- Ecologic's EcoPlus™ Series uses recycled milk carton plastics as the core material in all the case goods.
- All of Ecologic's bed frames, ladders and safety rails use recycled/reclaimed steel.
- The plastic stacking pin is a recycled plastic used for bunk beds and loft kits.
- Ecologic has a firm commitment to recycling and reusing shipping material.
- Ecologic offers a "take back" policy of reuse/recycle of our shipping material.

³ LEED 2009 for New Construction and Major Renovations Rating System, U.S. Green Building Council, www.usgbc.org.

Note: Ecologic does not represent or warranty a guarantee of LEED points from its products. The accumulation of LEED points is based purely on the developer's own interaction with LEED certification and management of its project.

MR Credit 4: Recycled Content (1-2 Points)

Ecologic's commitment to using materials with recycled content has been a theme in our company since its inception. The recycled content in many of our products exceed 20% of the total value of the materials in the project. As described above, Ecologic's Collegiate Series uses 80% recycled/reclaimed steel in the frames. Ecologic's EcoPlus™ Series uses recycled milk carton plastics as the core material in all the case goods. All of Ecologic's bed frames, ladders and safety rails use recycled/reclaimed steel and even the plastic stacking pin is a recycled plastic used for bunk beds and loft kits. In addition, 100% of Ecologic bed platforms can be recycled.

MR Credit 5: Regional Materials (1 Point)

Ecologic's central location in Chicago, IL gives us the greatest opportunity for projects looking to source a regional credit. In addition our core manufacturing centers' FSC CoC designation provides the continuous link of traceability from source to end-user. For projects outside of Ecologic's central 500-mile radius, we have established a network of storage and auxiliary assembly areas around the country that can be within 500 miles of an end-user site. We currently have a network of 24 warehouse locations throughout the United States to incorporate into a LEED plan to help achieve this credit.

MR Credit 6: Rapidly Renewable Materials (1 Point)

In connection with Ecologic's corporate sustainability programs for supporting global re-forestation projects, our significant commitment to the reduction of use and depletion of finite raw materials is paramount to our sustainability vision. Ecologic can incorporate any material into our furniture, based on customer specification. Our hardwoods are certified by such various agencies as FSC, The Malaysian Timber Council, and SCS Forest Management Program. We use FSC certified hardwoods ranging from Northern Red Oak to Bamboo to Eucalyptus to Acacia.

These materials can all be harvested within a ten-year cycle that exceeds 2.5% of the furniture cost.

MR Credit 7: Certified Wood (1 Point)

Ecologic's encouragement to environmentally responsible forestry is unparalleled. In each project we encourage our customers to use FSC certified materials. All of our core suppliers are required to have the FSC CoC certification. These certifications are available to our customers upon request. In addition, Ecologic is in process of becoming FSC CoC certified. This is part of our continued commitment to LEED and promoting sustainable furniture.