

OUR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

Using products made from a sustainable source is vital to the “Green Building” effort. Wood is one of nature’s most sustainable products. Trees not only contribute to the beauty of the landscape and provide homes for many forms of wildlife, they also serve the important function of removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and storing it long term as a “carbon sink.” The nationwide focus on tree planting has never been greater, as awareness has grown that healthy trees and forests can help remove greenhouse gases like carbon from our atmosphere.

Commitment to Environmental Stewardship

At Sierra Pacific, we manage our nearly two million acres of forestland for sustainable growth. We have developed a one hundred year plan for managing our forests in California to provide the wood products consumers rely on while maintaining fish and wildlife habitat, soil stability and water quality.

We meet or exceed toughest-in-the-nation forestry regulations and have always made protection of the environment the cornerstone of our forestry management practices:

- We grow more wood than we harvest each year
- We have committed to a 100-year forest management plan
- Our forests are managed by Registered Professional Foresters, Wildlife Biologists, Botanists, Hydrologists and other professionals
- We’re investing millions of dollars to restore previously damaged and fire-ravaged areas so they can become healthy forests
- Our forests are storing large quantities of carbon in the fight against global warming while protecting communities against catastrophic wildfires
- Our actively managed forests are absorbing vast amounts of greenhouse gases while producing oxygen to maintain and improve air quality

SFI Certified

Additionally, we have completed an independent, third-party audit of our forest management and wood procurement practices under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) guidelines. SFI is the most comprehensive forest certification program in North America. Products from SFI certified companies are recognized under both the Green Building Initiative’s (GBI) Green Globes and the National Association of Home Builders’ National Green Building Program. SFI products are also recognized under many state and local Green Building programs.

Utilization of Wood Fiber

The sustainably-grown wood from our forests moves through our SFI certified sawmills and millwork plants and is processed into lumber, millwork or window components or into products such as bark, chips or landscaping materials. The excess is then converted to electricity in our cogeneration facilities to run our mills and to power local energy grids. We effectively utilize nearly 100% of the fiber we harvest.

Our Products Carry the SFI Label

Since environmentally responsible products begin with the raw materials from which they are manufactured, Sierra Pacific Windows and Doors are the logical choice for the environmentally conscious consumer. The wood in our windows comes from SFI certified sources and enables us to identify our products as sustainable with the SFI on-product label. Our compliance with the SFI Program demonstrates Sierra Pacific’s commitment to the environment and to the Green Building effort.

Our Coatings Contain Near-Zero VOCs

Our extruded aluminum exteriors are coated with near-zero VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) powder coatings. Powder coatings generate near-zero hazardous waste during the application process and eliminate the additional energy required to operate thermal oxidizers and scrubbers used to lower VOC emissions common to the wet paint process. Powder coating is an EPA recommended finishing system, contributing to the Green Building Initiative of the US government, as well as to Leadership for Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) point credits.

Energy Star Products

Sierra Pacific Windows is an Energy Star Partner and applies the Energy Star label on all qualified products. Energy Star is a voluntary partnership program between the US Department of Energy and retailers, utilities and manufacturers aimed at promoting products that are more energy efficient.

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Sierra Pacific’s commitment to the environment is second to none. Our forests are managed for sustainable growth, our products are manufactured from sustainably-grown wood and our windows and doors carry the SFI on-product label to prove it.

**Sierra Pacific Windows -
From Our Forest to Your Home**

