



Want to know more about the many environmental benefits of wood floors? Get the facts you need by downloading a copy of the University of Wisconsin Wood Products Program Solid Wood Flooring Life Cycle Analysis at [www.nwfa.org](http://www.nwfa.org) under the "What's New" link. You also can access a variety of information about wood floors by visiting the "All About Wood Floors" link on the National Wood Flooring Association's web site at [www.woodfloors.org](http://www.woodfloors.org).

The National Wood Flooring Association is a not-for-profit trade organization of more than 4,200 wood flooring professionals working worldwide to educate consumers, designers, architects, and builders in the uses and benefits of wood flooring. The NWFA can be contacted at 111 Chesterfield Industrial Blvd., Chesterfield, MO 63005, or at 800-422-4556 (USA), 800-848-8824 (Canada), or 636-519-9663 (international).

## *Wood Flooring*

The Green Flooring Choice



**National  
Wood Flooring  
Association**

*With public awareness*

about environmental issues at an all-time high, consumers, designers, architects, and builders increasingly are doing their part by choosing products that have a minimal impact on the environment.

When it comes to flooring, the facts are clear:

**wood flooring is an environmentally friendly flooring option.**

**Wood flooring is the most abundantly renewable flooring material available.** Sustainable forest management makes it possible to harvest wood without any negative impact on the environment, because trees are a renewable resource that can be replaced time and time again.

Wood is produced in a factory called a forest by a renewable source of energy called the sun.

Growing trees absorb harmful carbon dioxide and release life-giving oxygen, making wood your green flooring choice.



*Check out the facts:*

**Hardwood forests are sustainable** – Average annual net growth for hardwoods is greater than average annual removals (Source: US Department of Agriculture Forest Service)

**Hardwood floors are healthy** – Indoor air quality is excellent with wood floors (Source: US Environmental Protection Agency)

**Wood reduces global warming** – It is a carbon neutral product that produces oxygen during its growth cycle and stores carbon during its service life (Source: University of Wisconsin Wood Products Program Solid Wood Flooring Life Cycle Analysis)

**Wood floors save natural resources** – They use less water and energy to produce than other flooring options (Source: University of Wisconsin Wood Products Program Solid Wood Flooring Life Cycle Analysis)

**Wood is renewable** – While it takes most hardwood trees 40-60 years to mature, the inventory planted today won't be needed for 100-plus years (Source: National Wood Flooring Association)

**Wood floors last hundreds of years** – They won't need to be replaced as often as other flooring options (Source: National Association of Home Builders)

**Wood reduces landfill waste** – At the end of its service life, wood flooring can be burned as fuel or recycled (Source: University of Wisconsin Wood Products Program Solid Wood Flooring Life Cycle Analysis)

**Wood may earn LEED points** – wood is recognized by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program for improved indoor air quality, material use and location proximity, and sustainably sourced materials (Source: US Green Building Council)