



# Environmental Policy

FLIGHTWISE JOINERY LIMITED

## Facts

The livelihoods of 1.6 billion people depend on forests  
Forests provide a home to more than 300 million people worldwide  
The total global trade in forest products was valued at around \$330 billion in 2011  
Forests are home to 80% of terrestrial biodiversity

## Mission Statement

Flightwise Joinery Limited recognises that it has a responsibility to the environment beyond legal and regulatory requirements. We are committed to reducing our environmental impact and continually improving our environmental performance as an integral part of our business strategy and operating methods, with regular review points. We encourage customers, suppliers and other stakeholders to do the same.

## Wood (sourcing and disposal of by-products)

All timber and timber-derived products are purchased from approved suppliers. These suppliers have demonstrated responsible and sustainable sourcing procedures. The vast majority of our timber is FSC® (FSC C020683) certified.

*Native forests not only yield beautiful timbers but are essential to the future of our planet, providing us with clean water through natural filtration and clean air by removing pollution and producing oxygen. Timber is harvested from the same native forests over and over again. These forests continue to provide us with timber because no more timber is cut than the forest can re-grow. We must value these facts and appreciate the biodiversity contained in these habitats.*

At Flightwise, we are proud to be able to boast a near zero waste footprint. All of our surplus/off-cut wood is recycled in the following ways. Clean wood waste is recycled for animal bedding.

Our hardwood, unsalable shavings and dust are all burned to provide heating for our factory thus lowering the impact on the environment by using green fuels.

Our general wood waste is recycled for conversion into kindling and domestic firewood.

## Paper Products and Recycled Packaging

We have a policy to re-use and recycle all paper where possible. Our waste paper is recycled by burning together with all other combustible items to help heat our factory. We request wherever possible that all of our goods received have minimum packaging, so as to reduce waste whilst still leaving the product protected. Similarly the packaging on our deliveries is minimal.

## Energy

Lights and electrical equipment are always switched off when not in use. We use energy efficient appliances wherever possible and the energy efficiency of new products will always be taken into account at the time of purchase.

## Transportation

All of our deliveries are assessed and the means of delivery selected according to the load and journey, thus reducing our carbon footprint wherever possible.

## Responsibility

The Managing Director is responsible for ensuring that the environmental policy is implemented. However all employees have a responsibility in their area to ensure that the aims and objectives of the policy are achieved.

## Did you know?

- **As a resource, forests provide many important natural resources, such as timber, fuel, rubber, paper and medicinal plants. Forests also help sustain the quality and availability of freshwater supplies. More than three quarters of the world's accessible freshwater comes from forested catchments. Water quality declines with decreases in forest condition and cover, and natural hazards such as floods, landslides, and soil erosion have larger impacts.**
- **Climate change Mitigation**  
*It's well known that forests play a key role in our battle against climate change; storing carbon and sucking in carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and locking it into their biomass.*
- **Products / Benefits (water)**  
*But what's less well known is that the products and services they provide are essential to every aspect of life. By regulating water for many of the world's rivers, they help secure water quality, and supply nearly half of the world's largest cities from Caracas to New York. They also help decrease the impacts of storms and floods, whilst helping control erosion.*
- **Biodiversity**  
*As the most biologically diverse ecosystems on land, forests are home to more than half of terrestrial species, from the great apes to the smallest of creatures.*
- **Economics and Livelihoods**  
*They also provide homes, security and livelihoods for 60 million Indigenous peoples, whilst contributing to the livelihoods of 1.6 billion people worldwide.*
- **Products & Biodiversity**  
*The impact of forests reaches even further. In many developing countries more than 80% of total energy consumed by people and industry derives from forests. Such as fuel wood and charcoal. Trade in timber and other forest products, is estimated at almost 330 billion US Dollars per year. Its value multiplies as its processed into a myriad of products used globally every day. Use of the genetic diversity within forests enables the development of new medicines; progress in healthcare and science.*
- **The numbers**  
*Forests cover 31% of total land area while at the same time supporting 80% of terrestrial biodiversity that live in them. Many of the world's most threatened and endangered animals live in these forests, making them crucial to sustaining ecosystems. Not only animals live in the forests, as they also provide a home to more than 300 million people worldwide.*