

# THE GREEN PAPER

## MANUFACTURING PROCESSES THAT ARE ECO-EXCELLENT

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Every year the Wood Welded Companies fashion 8,000,000 board feet of hardwood into butcher block of beauty and function. Naturally, respect for our resources is a high priority. Our eye on sustainability and low-impact manufacturing is why we'll be into wood for good. Here are just a few ways we are keeping it green:

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- 1 Sustainable harvesting:** Our forest stewardship team manages company-owned tracts of land. With sensible harvesting and resource management, we are able to maintain healthy hardwood forests. We also choose to work with reputable forest products suppliers whom share these same practices and philosophies.
- 2 Zero wood waste:** The scrap and sawdust generated during the production process is burned to heat our plant and fire our kilns. This allows us to stay off the public utility grid, thus reducing expenses and environmental impact. Our system saves approximately 1,000,000 gallons of oil annually.
- 3 VOC-free finishes and adhesives:** Our state-of-the-art finishing system and 100% formaldehyde-free glue produces no Volatile Organic Compounds.
- 4 Extended product lifecycle:** In a world of disposable products, butcher block work surfaces can last a lifetime when properly maintained. Tops can be easily resurfaced, repurposed or recycled. We often hear stories of discarded countertops being cut up, sanded, oiled and upcycled as cutting boards or even reused as garage workbenches.
- 5 Minimally processed:** Relative to many complex, highly-processed modern materials, solid hardwood butcher block requires less energy to produce.
- 6 Reduced shipping:** With Bally Block Co. in the east and Michigan Maple Block Co. in the midwest, shipping distance and thus fossil fuel use is greatly reduced.

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