

American Woodmark's Hardwood Lumber Sourcing Policy

American Woodmark, being one of the largest kitchen cabinet manufacturers in the United States, takes pride in doing the right thing when it comes to the hardwood lumber purchased to be used in our products. As part of our supply chain, we directly purchase hardwood lumber, which is the green and kiln-dried rough and milled lumber used in our manufacturing process to make cabinets and components. We do not use endangered wood species, and our hardwood lumber purchases come from sustainable and well-managed forests. By doing so, we are doing our part to help ensure that the forests where our hardwood lumber comes from will be there for future generations.

We work with hardwood lumber suppliers that engage with the timber owners to ensure that common practices for responsible timbering and land management processes are used. There are several programs that provide active management plans designed to create and maintain healthy and resilient woodlands, including the Forest Stewardship Program offered by the U.S. Forest Service. We prioritize sawmills that purchase timber from actively managed forests.

We rely on studies developed by the US Forestry Management every ten years to procure hardwood from regions where the volume of board feet of standing timber is increasing. For example, the Appalachian Mountain range, where about two-thirds of our hardwood lumber comes from and which comprises 344 counties from New York to Tennessee, generates approximately 6 billion board feet of lumber annually while only 2 billion is harvested and 669 million dies-off, leading to an annual net increase in standing timber of over 3 billion feet. The balance of our hardwood lumber is sourced from the Northern region of the U.S. which comprises states from Wisconsin to Maine, and also from Western European nations. Like the Appalachian Mountain range, the Northern region's volume of standing timber is increasing, and all European-sourced hardwood lumber is Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified.

Additionally, we review the many reports published each year discussing endangered wood species around the world. The primary use of hardwood lumber for our products is the cabinet face including doors, drawer fronts, and face frames. We carefully select the wood specie used and currently only offer hardwood cabinetry lines such as maple, cherry, oak, birch, poplar, or beech. We do not purchase any lumber specie identified as endangered by the World Conservation Monitoring Centre.

In summary, our customers can be secure in the knowledge that the hardwood lumber we purchase for use in our products is not endangered and comes from forests that are sustainable and well managed.

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