

Waste Reduction and Recycling

American Woodmark Corporation (AWC) is reducing the environmental impact of waste from its manufacturing and office operations. We actively pursue new ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle our materials so we can continuously improve by reducing our footprint.

Much of our waste is wood and wood products that result from the processing of lumber and lumber products. Through process improvements and significant investment over the years, we have reduced this category of waste dramatically. We use automated scanners, saws, and optimizing computers to maximize the amount of good product we can extract from our purchased lumber and sheet stock. We reclaim small pieces of wood and join them together to create larger, usable pieces; and we create process and building heat using the biomass of our wood dust in our on-site boilers. These actions reduce landfill waste, reduce the need for additional lumber harvesting, and reduce energy use.

For waste that we cannot use in our product, we find ways to recycle. Common office paper, toner cartridges, etc. are recycled at various sites. Corrugate, plastic wrap, damaged pallets, etc. are recycled as well. Liquid finishing waste from our staining and painting operations are sent to third parties where solvents are reclaimed for re-using at our facilities' finishing processes.

In our packaging used both internally and externally, we strive for efficient designs that minimize the use of materials. We have also removed expanded polystyrene foam packaging from a significant portion of our offering. In many cases we have re-usable packaging for internal movement of product between departments and between plants that greatly cut down on the use of one-time use packaging materials.

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