Massachusetts.

Keeping forests as forests right here in Massachusetts, you can help make a difference by choosing to purchase local wood for your next project. By choosing to purchase local wood, you are helping to support local businesses, provide economic benefits to the state, and help protect the environment.

Today, we import most of our wood from thousands of miles away, sometimes far from our forests. Tomorrow, we can develop a timber management and forest certification system that is truly unique. The Commonwealth Quality label will indicate the sustainability of the wood products that are certified. The Commonwealth Quality label will indicate the sustainability of the wood products that are certified.

There are many wood products available around the world with wood products here and around the globe. Green certified products indicate the sustainability and responsible management of the timber used. These products support small rural businesses and provide incentives to keep the forests in the Commonwealth. These woods are sustainable and native to the source.

By taking this simple, yet critical, first step, you can help protect our forests forever. The Commonwealth Quality label will indicate the sustainability of the wood products that are certified. The Commonwealth Quality label will indicate the sustainability of the wood products that are certified.

Ask Where Your Wood Comes From.

Why Buy Local?

Why Can You Do It?

Forest Stewardship Council

Certified wood products that are sustainably harvested and managed

Commonwealth Quality

Sustainably harvested and managed wood products that are certified

Look for a logo

The source of wood products

Ask Where Your Wood Comes From.

From trees harvested locally.

Yet, only 2% of our wood comes from trees harvested locally.

With 6.5 million residents, we are also a wood user.

Local producers are more likely to know the exact location where their wood originated. Choose the local product when purchasing wood, from local as well as other states, to support the local economy.

Just like buying local food helps keep farms viable,

Massachusetts is the 8th most forested state.
Interested in using native lumber in structural building codes?

About how to find producers who meet local building codes? Contact Sean Mahoney to learn more.

Visit www.greenforest.com to find local wood producers who meet the sustainability standards set by the Commonwealth Quality Program.

Contact Sean Mahoney, Outreach Service Forester, (443) 545-7743 or sean.mahoney@state.mn.us

For additional information

Wood is a fundamental component of our daily lives. Simple yet elegant, wood incorporates the strength and majesty of trees into our built environment. Wood is beautiful, durable, and versatile. Wood can store and transmute energy over time. How much energy does a 1,000 year-old tree store? How much energy does a 100-year-old tree store?

Forests are an astounding natural resource that comes up in place of harvested trees, providing us with clean air and water, wildlife habitat, and an endless supply of renewable materials. The activity of forest management is an important part of life on Earth. What's your relationship with forests? How do you use them? What do you eat? What do you breathe? What do you wear? What do you build?

These benefits are supported by managing a land trust. Forests provide a renewable resource that helps preserve the environment. Buying land for the long-term helps to ensure the continued growth of the forest.

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