



The BEST choice for our forests.

## Take the LEED® with FSC

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is your guarantee that the wood and paper products you purchase come from healthy forests and healthy communities. FSC is an international certification system for forests and forest products supported by WWF Canada, Greenpeace, and the David Suzuki Foundation. [www.fscCanada.org](http://www.fscCanada.org)

### Earn LEED Credits by purchasing FSC-certified wood products.

FSC is the only forest certification system that qualifies under the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) green building rating system.

LEED is a voluntary framework that sets guidelines for sustainable design and construction in commercial and residential buildings. For more, visit [www.caGBC.org](http://www.caGBC.org)

**LEED Material and Resources Credit 7, "Certified Wood"** recognizes the environmental and social value of FSC-certified wood products.

**50% by cost of the permanently installed wood-based materials in the building must be FSC-certified** to earn the Certified Wood Credit.



### Find FSC-certified products:

- For a list of FSC-certified Wood Product Suppliers: [www.fscCanada.org/findwoodproducts.htm](http://www.fscCanada.org/findwoodproducts.htm)
- To search by Certificate code or Trademark License: [www.fsc-info.org](http://www.fsc-info.org)

### Resources:

- CaGBC FAQ, June 21 2010, "Chain of Custody for Certified Wood products within LEED Canada"
- USGBC Memorandum, April 7, 2008, "Revised Requirements for Documenting the Use of FSC-Certified Wood in LEED."

### Become FSC certified

1. Contact an **FSC Certifier** (=auditor). [www.fscCanada.org/fscCertifiers.org](http://www.fscCanada.org/fscCertifiers.org)
2. Submit an **Application** to the FSC certifier and receive a price and timeline quote. Avg. cost is \$3,000.
3. Complete an **On-site Audit**.
4. **Certification approval** and receipt of FSC Certification code (XXX-COC-#####) and Trademark License Code (C#####). Usually within 4-6 weeks of contacting certifier.



YOUR Choice affects our Forests. **BUY FSC.**

“The CaGBC encourages all Canadian manufacturers and distributors to achieve FSC CoC certification to ensure they remain competitive [...]”

June 21, 2010, CaGBC, Chain of Custody for Certified Wood products within LEED Canada.

### Requirements for LEED MRc7, Certified Wood

- ◆ VENDOR must be FSC Chain of Custody certified. Vendors are defined as companies that sell products to the building contractor or subcontractor.
- ◆ PRODUCT must carry an FSC Claim (FSC Mixed, FSC Recycled or FSC Pure)
- ◆ INVOICE must:
  - i. identify each wood product on a line-item basis
  - ii. identify FSC products on a line-item basis
  - iii. demonstrate dollar value of each line item
  - iv. include FSC Chain of Custody (CoC) code (e.g. XXX-COC-#####) of vendor. Verify CoC code at [www.fsc-info.org](http://www.fsc-info.org).

### Eligible Products

- ◆ Wood-based products include solid wood products, chip and fibre products, and engineered wood products.
- ◆ Examples of wood-based products that would be eligible for the Certified Wood credit: logs, lumber, timbers, millwork, glulam, trusses, mouldings, veneers, plywood, OSB, particleboard, MDF, paneling/siding, flooring, decking, formwork, fire/pressure treated products, casework and furniture (if built-in)
- ◆ The cost of all wood products, both FSC certified and not, must be tallied on the appropriate LEED document (e.g. MRc7 template).
- ◆ The entire product must carry an FSC Claim (FSC Mixed or FSC Pure). No partial claims are permissible.
  - Products with an FSC Claim of “FSC Pure” or “FSC Mixed Credit” should be valued at 100% of the product cost;
  - Wood products identified as “FSC Mixed [NN]” should be valued at the indicated percentage of the product cost (e.g. FSC Mixed 75% valued at 75% of cost).
  - Wood products identified as “FSC Recycled” do not count toward certified wood credits, but do qualify for Materials and Resources, Credit 4, Recycled Content.

### FSC. Leads the Way...

- ◆ Banks, insurance companies, retailers, publishers, and governments recognize FSC in procurement policies as the **BEST** choice for healthy forests and healthy communities.
- ◆ FSC is the fastest growing **FOREST** certification system in the world.
- ◆ FSC-certified forests **PROTECT** waterways and wildlife habitat, conserve regions of high biodiversity, and minimize the impact of harvesting.
- ◆ Thousands of FSC-certified products available **WORLDWIDE**.
- ◆ FSC is the only forest certification system **SUPPORTED** by WWF Canada, Greenpeace and the David Suzuki Foundation.

### Earn Multiple LEED® Credits with FSC

Products qualifying for the certified wood credit may be able to achieve other wood-related points using the same products. The top credits often combined with MRc7 are:

Materials & Resources: Use of local materials (MRc5), Rapidly renewable materials (MRc6)

Indoor Environmental Quality: Low emitting materials (IEQc4)

### FSC. It's easy...

**BUY FSC** products. [www.fscCanada.org/products.htm](http://www.fscCanada.org/products.htm)

**JOIN FSC** through certification or membership. [www.fscCanada.org/getinvolved.htm](http://www.fscCanada.org/getinvolved.htm)

**SPECIFY FSC** products in purchasing policies and tenders. [www.fscCanada.org/whyfsc.htm](http://www.fscCanada.org/whyfsc.htm)