

## WHAT MAKES OUR CABINETS GREEN

Canyon Creek has been incorporating sustainable manufacturing into our building practices since 1991, long before “green building” became mainstream. Our long-standing commitment to the environment encompasses everything from energy and resource conservation to low-VOC finishes and sustainable products. Cabinets manufactured with health-conscious consumers in mind, using state-of-the-art technology, will benefit us all by reducing the impact to our environment and improving the air quality in our homes.

The areas that represent environmental responsibility, sustainability and resource conservation to Canyon Creek are:

**ESP.** We were instrumental in the creation of the KCMA’s Environmental Stewardship Program (ESP) and the first cabinet company awarded a certificate. ESP certification is awarded annually, and is the only nationally accredited environmental certification program that specifically focuses on cabinetry.

**Renewable & Sustainable Woods.** We use Beech that is harvested exclusively from sustained-yield, natural forests as well as Bamboo, an endlessly renewable resource.

**CARB-Compliant.** All products are compliant with Phase 1 of the California Air Resource Board’s stringent air quality standards.

**VOC Reduction.** We continually explore new finish technologies to create coatings that reduce

VOC emissions while providing a durable, quality finish.

**Urea Formaldehyde.** Our conversion varnish finish has one of the lowest Urea Formaldehyde content levels in the cabinet industry.

**Recycle & Reuse.** We recycle everything we can, including the solvents used in our finishing process. Environmentally Preferable Product (EPP) is used in cabinet box construction and is made of 100% recycled content. Sawdust and shavings are collected and reused/repurposed by other companies.

**Energy Reduction.** Ongoing focus on projects such as replacing air compressors, spray guns, and lighting throughout the plant, and improving the efficiency of our dust collection system continues to reduce power usage.

Being chosen for the 2010 Association of Washington Business Green Manufacturing Award reflects the results of over 10 years of commitment to the reduction of waste and toxic chemicals, as well as the systematic approach to improve manufacturing efficiencies. Canyon Creek recognizes that sustainable products and healthy indoor air are what people want today and need tomorrow.



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## AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

Canyon Creek Cabinet Company produces frameless and framed style cabinetry and closet systems that fit your style *and* budget. Canyon Creek has a history of environmental stewardship, and has been recognized for our ongoing efforts to conserve resources, reduce waste, recycle, and utilize sustainable products.

### KCMA CERTIFICATION

Cabinet manufacturers that choose to participate in the Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association Certification program must undergo rigorous testing procedures to assure the end-user of quality products.



KCMA website

### KCMA'S ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP (ESP)

Companies that are certified in this voluntary program are going above and beyond to develop environmentally preferable products that contribute to the well-being of the environment. Canyon Creek was the first cabinet company awarded the ESP Certificate. (ESP [info PDF](#))



Green Cabinet Source website

### EPP DOWNSTREAM PROGRAM

Companies participating in the Composite Panel Association's (CPA) Environmentally Preferred Product (EPP) Downstream Program purchase at least 50% CPA EPP certified composite wood products. (CPA EPP [info PDF](#))



CPA EPP website

### EPA'S EVERGREEN AWARD

The Evergreen Award, for environmental excellence and leadership in pollution prevention, is presented by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We were recognized for our state-of-the-art finishing system and for reductions in solid waste, water discharge and energy use.



### OTHER NOTABLE AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Two-time Recipient: Governor's Award for Outstanding Pollution Prevention
- Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) Award of Excellence
- Association of Washington Business Green Manufacturing award
- Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center's award for notable pollution prevention achievement
- Association of Washington Business and the Northwest Environmental Business Council "Continuous Improvement in Resource Conservation" Award
- Recognized by Snohomish County Public Utility District (PUD) for energy efficiency improvement and reduction of greenhouse gases
- Master Builders Association's Built Green Program Member
- ISO 9001:2008 Certified

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