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A certified Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) supplier is important to you and your project

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What Is The Sterritt Lumber Company?

Since 1841, F.D. Sterritt Lumber has been serving the evolving building materials needs of New England. From its humble beginnings serving industrial manufacturers at its Cambridge, Mass. location, Sterritt Lumber has since developed the versatility to satisfy a wide range of customers from homeowners to the largest commercial contractors and everyone in between! Now in its 3rd generation of Mackin family ownership, Sterritt is poised for the future while at the same time embracing the ideals that spawned its rich tradition and success: quality products and unmatched service.

The Modern Era Of Building Materials

Sterritt Lumber's versatility is not limited to customer service alone. Offering hundreds of moldings, concrete plyform, pvc trimboards, fire treated lumber, exotic hardwoods, Owens Corning insulation, and many engineered lumber products, Sterritt has earned the title of being a "full service" building materials company. In 2006, Sterritt Lumber embarked on its newest venture: green building. We became FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) chain of custody certified to distribute, remanufacture, pressure and fire treat FSC certified wood products. Sterritt has gained many accolades for this distinction including being named "Best of Boston" multiple times by the Best of Boston Home Magazine for the Best Eco-Friendly Flooring Category.

Why FSC Matters To You

If you are looking to purchase an FSC certified product, you can be assured of many positive things. You can rest easy that the soil was protected, that wildlife was not harmed, and that local communities were consulted. In addition, you can be certain that the wood or paper product you are using is being replenished in responsibly managed forests.

Products carrying the FSC logo are harvested under the toughest guidelines in the environmental industry. Recycling is certainly a good practice, but it is not enough to ensure sustainability. This is because the fiber in wood can only be recycled a couple of times. What is even more critical than recycling, reusing, and reducing consumption is making certain that a strict framework is in place to properly manage forests so they may be harvested with many elements in consideration. Buying FSC materials not only positively affects the future of the forests, but it also is critical to preserving freshwater sources, wildlife habitats, and native people living on the land.

Sterritt Lumber is not only concerned with sustainability. We are also in the business of keeping your family safe from harmful chemicals in products like caulking, plywood, paints, stains, and hundreds of other household items. None of us want toxic chemicals near where our children play or where

our families eat. Sterritt Lumber assures that your products do not contain unsafe elements that may have harmful effects on the environment.

Some of Sterritt Lumber's FSC customers include CNN, Microsoft, Harvard University, and hundreds of private homeowners. These diverse consumers have one primary characteristic in common. They know that there are many choices when it comes to investing in building materials. It is not about recycling. It is about establishing a strict framework that promotes safety and sustainability. Choose the FSC logo, and know that it doesn't just matter to you. It matters to all of us!

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