

# DULUTH TIMBER COMPANY

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## Duluth Timber Company earns Forest Stewardship Council certification for its reclaimed wood

In June, Duluth Timber Company (Duluth, MN), was one of 12 Minnesota wood businesses to receive certification from the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). This represents a significant step in validating such a deserving green product as 100 percent reclaimed wood and the 30-year-old business behind it.

The FSC promotes forest management and wood processing standards that are environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable. As Duluth Timber continues "logging the industrial forest" (the company motto), they now have FSC Chain-of-Custody certification for wood they salvage and resell as timbers, lumber, flooring and millwork.

For builders, architects and homeowners, FSC-certified wood assures that good forestry practices and responsible management stand behind their project's wooden floors, timbers, even plywood sheathing. For three decades, Duluth Timber Company has supplied loyal customers who value reclaimed wood for its structural integrity and character, as well as for its sensible reuse of irreplaceable old growth timber resources. Now, with FSC certification, their unique wood carries a stamp of approval crucial to many of today's green-building projects.

Peter Krieger, general manager, says, "As the green building market grows, we are seeing builders and consumers demand more information about the materials used and the companies that provide them. It is not enough to proclaim your products green; customers are knowledgeable and wary of 'green-washing'."

All of Duluth Timber's wood species are certified as FSC-Recycled 100% (SCS-COC-002432C). This includes their Douglas fir, Southern yellow pine, redwood, and cypress. Materials are sold 'as-is' or re-sawn as timbers, lumber, solid flooring, and millwork. Duluth Timber's engineered flooring is certified as FSC-Mixed, since its reclaimed surface is bonded to an FSC-Pure plywood base.

Krieger says that being FSC Chain-of-Custody certified means Duluth Timber has third-party verification of the source of their materials. "It is one more way to demonstrate our commitment to reclaimed wood in particular, and to green building in general."

FSC certification for these small businesses is overseen by True North Certified Forest Products Network. In addition to education classes and on-site evaluation of Duluth Timber's employees and facility, the Network provides and monitors all chain-of-custody paperwork, reporting, and annual evaluations.

For more about Duluth Timber Company and FSC certification, visit [www.duluthtimber.com](http://www.duluthtimber.com), [www.fscus.org](http://www.fscus.org), and [www.truenorthcertified.com](http://www.truenorthcertified.com).



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