

Built Green Program Wood Certification Guidelines *Updated Feb 2025*

The Built Green checklist allows you claim points for using certified wood products and below are guidelines outlining the different tiers.

Wood Certification Requirements

1. Certified Wood Products Tier 1 Requirements:

To Qualify:

- Independently third-party audited chain of custody. Chain of custody refers to a certification that guarantees a wood product has been tracked from a certified forest to the final product to ensure it came from a sustainable forestry source. Tracking also guarantees that products will not be mixed with non-certified products during processing, manufacturing, and distribution.
- No conversion of one forest cover type into another type.
- Mandatory protection of old growth trees and forests (i.e., Mass Harvest).
- No Pesticides used that are listed under Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and WHO.
- Multi-stakeholder governance with member democracy voting system specifically in the organizations decision-making process.
- Have a chain of custody standard that tracks fiber content through production to the end of manufacturing.
- Sponsored by leading environmental and social organizations.
- Policy of removal for non-compliance.
- Forest management practices (i.e., water quality and protection of forest land) required that goes beyond state requirements.
- Clear cutting is prohibited above 40 acres if 10% to 30% of the trees are left standing. No clearcutting in forested areas that are in critical ecological condition (i.e., wildlife habitats, buffer zones, biodiversity areas, green ups) and mirror ecological disturbance patterns.

Tier 1 Certifications:

- FSC 100%

2. Certified Wood Products Tier 2 Requirements:

To Qualify:

- Independently third-party audited chain of custody.
- No conversion of one forest cover type into another type.
- No mass harvest of old growth trees.
- Policy of removal for non-compliance.
- No pesticides used under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and WHO.
- Endangered Species protection.

- Supported by leading environmental and social organizations.
- Multi-Stakeholder transparent decision-making process.
- Have a chain of custody standard in effect that tracks fiber content through production and manufacturing to the end point.

Tier 2 Certifications:

- FSC Mix
- SFI Certified Chain of Custody
- SFI Certified Forest Management
- SFI Certified Sourcing
- PEFC Certification

Acceptable Documentation:

Acceptable documentation includes product-specific marketing documents or spec listings. Chain of Custody and Forest Management/Forestry Standard Certification programs are considered applicable certification programs. Photos of the on-product wood certification label or emails from the manufacturer are also acceptable documentation. If any credits for Tier 1/FSC certified wood products are being claimed, please remember to conform to the verification packet standards that require documentation for any credit worth 5 or more points.

Certifications that Do Not Meet the Criteria of Any Tier:

SFI Fiber Sourcing is not accepted for any tier and not applicable for any Built Green Credits. FSC Recycled is not accepted for any tier and only appropriate Built Green recycled content credits can be claimed.