



Sourcing Certified Wood from British Columbia, Canada

Sustainable by Nature, Versatile by Design

Discerning buyers demand furniture made with wood to be beautifully crafted and responsibly sourced. British Columbia, Canada is a global leader in sustainable forest management—and a go-to source for a variety of wood species that meets the world's highest environmental standards.

Canada, including
British Columbia,
accounts for more
certified forests than any
other country worldwide.

What is Sustainable Forest Management

Sustainable forest management in British Columbia balances today's needs with long-term forest health. The region's responsible practices protect wildlife, water, and biodiversity while supporting jobs and communities. This includes tree planting, fire risk reduction, natural regeneration, and respect for Indigenous and local rights—helping forests fight climate change and preserve their natural beauty.

62%
of B.C.
is forested

95%
of B.C. forests are
publicly owned

0.3%
of B.C.'s forests are
harvested annually

200+
million seedlings are
planted each year

British Columbia's Sustainable Forest Practices

Canada, including British Columbia, is recognized worldwide for strong forest management guided by public input, science, and strict regulations. Annual harvesting is limited and areas must be managed to return to local site ecosystem conditions promptly following logging activity. In addition to natural regeneration, B.C.'s forests are manually replanted using a mixture of native species representative of and appropriate to each unique ecosystem. Advanced technologies like drones and LiDAR help monitor and plan forest use. Independent certifications provide extra assurance that the region's forestry meets global sustainability standards.



British Columbia protects more than 14 million hectares in parks and nature reserves.

Protecting Wildlife and Biodiversity

British Columbia protects biodiversity by setting aside large areas for conservation. In the past 20 years, the amount of protected land has more than doubled—including old-growth forests, wildlife habitats, and community watersheds.

This supports at-risk species and keeps migration routes intact. Local partnerships with Indigenous communities and conservation groups help manage these areas in ways that respect both nature and public access.

Nearly 15% of B.C.'s forests are protected, with the province on track to conserve 30% of land and water by 2030.



Canada Forest Certification Facts

9%

of the world's forests are in Canada

38%

of the world's certified forests are in Canada

154M

hectares of Canadian forests are certified

Forest Certification and Chain of Custody

Forest certification is a voluntary system that promotes sustainable forestry in two key ways: forest management certification and chain-of-custody certification.

Forest certification gives buyers confidence that wood is responsibly sourced. Certified forests must protect clean water, biodiversity, and at-risk species, while supporting climate-smart forestry and respecting the rights, cultures, and values of Indigenous peoples. Chain-of-custody certification ensures traceability from forest to final product, requiring clear tracking, staff training, and transparent reporting. For designers, builders, and consumers, certification means trusted wood with a clear and ethical origin.

Globally, certification programs are endorsed and overseen by one of two independent nonprofit international organizations: the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®). Internationally, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and PEFC-Canada are recognized under the PEFC label.

Forest certification



1  = 10 million hectares certified

Source: Forest Products Association of Canada (2026)





British Columbia: A Global Benchmark for Sustainable Forestry

In 2020, a peer-reviewed study from the University of British Columbia looked at how countries manage their forests. The research found that British Columbia, and Canada as a whole, are global leaders when it comes to forest laws, inventory and planning systems, and involving the public and local communities. Even with strong rules already in place, many forestry companies in British Columbia choose to get certified by independent organizations—an added layer of accountability.

Canada has over
**154 million hectares
of certified forest—
more than the top
seven certified
forested countries
combined.**

Resources for More Information

Forest Certification



SUSTAINABLE
FORESTRY
INITIATIVE
SFI-00001

Sustainable Forestry Initiative
– forests.org



PEFC
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PEFC (Programme for the
Endorsement of Forest Certification)
– pefc.org



FSC
FORESTS
FOR ALL
FOREVER

Forest Stewardship Council
– fsc.org

Resources

British Columbia,
Ministry of Forests
www2.gov.bc.ca

Natural Resources Canada
natural-resources.canada.ca

Certification Canada
fpac.ca/forest-management-certifications



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