



FSC

Our forests give us many things like books, tissues, furniture and so much more. The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) helps take care of forests and the people and wildlife who call them home.

FSC is an international, non-governmental organisation dedicated to promoting responsible management of the world's forests. FSC's "tick tree" logo is used to indicate that products are certified under the FSC system. When you see the FSC logo on a label, you can buy forest products with confidence that you are helping to ensure our forests are alive for generations to come.

What is FSC?

FSC runs a global forest certification system with two key components:

Forest Management

As a forest manager or owner, certification is a way of ensuring that your careful and long-term forest management is recognised. Certification is voluntary. It involves an audit of forest's management by an independent organisation to check that it meets internationally and nationally agreed standards of responsible forest management. Forest products like timber can then carry the FSC label, guaranteeing that it comes from a well-managed forest and enabling you to pass on the benefits of certification to your customers.

Chain of Custody

Chain of custody certification from forest to end-user ensures that FSC materials and products have been checked at every stage of processing so that customers purchasing FSC labelled products can be confident that they are genuinely FSC certified.

Why choose FSC products?

FSC helps take care of forests and the people and wildlife who call them home and is recognised by WWF as the "hallmark of responsible forest management".

Three quarters of UK citizens believe it is important for the products they purchase to have been responsibly sourced (TNS 2018).

55% of people in the UK recognise the FSC logo.

69% would prefer to buy a product bearing the FSC logo, compared to one without, a figure that rises to 75% when it is made clear that there are no other visible differences between the products (e.g. size, cost etc.).



Why should you look for the FSC LOGO?

1. You can buy wood products, from all types of forest, with a clear conscience when you see the FSC logo.
2. The FSC label guarantees that the trees that are harvested are replaced or allowed to regenerate naturally.
3. Parts of the forest are protected entirely, in order to protect rare animals and plants.
4. FSC is the only wood certification scheme endorsed by the major environmental charities, including WWF, Greenpeace and The Woodland Trust.
5. FSC protects the rights of indigenous people to use the forest. If they have sacred sites in the forest these are exempt from felling.
6. FSC gives an assurance that future generations will be able to enjoy the benefits of the forest.
7. The forest owner must use local workers to run the forest, and provide training, safety equipment and a decent salary. The forest owner is often obliged to support the community in other ways, such as through the development of schools.
8. FSC is a market-based initiative which also ensures better conditions for the forest and the people whose livelihoods depend on it.
9. All the wood is tracked from the forest to the store. Every link between the forest and the consumer is certified to make it clearly identifiable which wood is FSC certified and which is not.
10. The FSC label is found on wood and paper products as well as non-timber forest products such as latex. You can find the FSC logo on floors, decking, paper, printed matter, charcoal, kitchen utensils