

ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH BENEFITS OF WOOD FLOORS

SUSTAINABLE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Wood floors offer great long-term value, are easy to maintain, and add value to a home or business.

Wood floors are the most environmentally friendly flooring option available.

- The hardwood forests that provide flooring products are growing more than twice as fast as they are being harvested.¹
- Because wood floors can last hundreds of years, they use fewer raw materials, energy, and natural resources than other flooring options.²
- Wood also stores carbon dioxide during its service life and can ultimately be recycled for other uses or burned as fuel.²
- Studies comparing wood to other flooring surfaces show wood as having the lowest environmental impacts and best results for low greenhouse gas emissions.³

The NWFA has a Responsible Procurement Program (RPP), which is a joint initiative between leading environmental groups and industry manufacturers committed to producing and promoting wood floors that come only from environmentally and socially responsible sources, improving forest sustainability for future generations.

Wood floors are good for your health, especially those who suffer from allergies.

- Wood floors improve air quality.⁴
- They don't harbor allergens, microorganisms, or harmful pesticides that can be tracked in from outdoors. Mold, dust, and animal dander are minimal as well.



The life
span of a
wood floor
can exceed
100 YEARS

¹U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service | ²University of Wisconsin Wood Products Program Solid Wood Flooring Life Cycle Analysis | ³Bergman, R. & Hubbard, S., (2018, August/ September). "The Data Behind Wood Flooring's Sustainability Story." *Hardwood Floors*, 2(4), 48-53. | ⁴United States Environmental Protection Agency

Find out more about how wood can benefit your environment at WoodFloors.org

