



PAPER AND FOREST PRODUCTS PURCHASING POLICY

REI has established the following policy commitments:

- REI seeks to use forest products – including paper, wood, rubber, and other materials – that come from responsibly managed forests, such as those by the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC). FSC is a trusted forest certification system that addresses both environmental and social considerations, including deforestation, land use change, indigenous people’s rights and illegal harvesting. As of 2019, FSC covers more than 480 million acres worldwide.



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- Responsible and efficient use of forest products: Wood and paper are renewable natural resources that, when sourced under a responsible program, can represent a sustainable material choice. We will create and maintain purchase specifications for the responsible sourcing of each category of paper products, and we will always strive to use paper products responsibly. Recycled content and alternative fiber sources will be evaluated on a total life-cycle-assessment basis.
- Known origins (chain of custody): REI will strive to know with reasonable, verifiable certainty the source of our paper, including the source of all virgin wood fiber we purchase. This will be accomplished through contractual supply chain agreements, audits and oversight of suppliers. The most desirable assurance is a credible, third-party-certified chain of custody.
- Sources of fiber: REI aims to ensure that all paper and wood fiber is legally harvested and traded and is not obtained from controversial sources, such as:
 - Harvesting and processing areas that violate human rights
 - Areas where the timber trade is driving armed conflict
 - Areas that are being actively converted from natural forests to plantations
 - Non-forest uses or that use timber from genetically modified trees

We also strive to eliminate wood or fiber harvested in ways that promote environmental degradation, and we will not knowingly source from high conservation value forests (HCVFs) unless such forests are certified under a credible certification program.

- Environmental and social performance of supply chain partners: REI is committed to sourcing from supply partners, sub-tier suppliers and mills that demonstrate a high level of environmental and social performance. Compliance with applicable regulations is a minimum, but we give preference to suppliers that demonstrate a commitment to sustainable operations and have a track record of continuous improvement through a formal environmental management system.
- Commitment to recycling at REI: REI is committed to the principle of "closing the loop" for paper and paper products. We strive to ensure that the paper and wood products used in our operations are recycled or reused.