

Environment & Health

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.

Allegheny Mountain Hardwood Flooring offers 100% FSC Certified Flooring options.

- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is a voluntary program that sets the gold standard for responsible forest management and company certification. Membership consists of three equally weighted chambers – environmental, economic, and social – to ensure the balance and the highest level of integrity.
- Hickman Lumber / AMHF sources its wood from forests within 100 miles of its mill in Emlenton, PA.
- 100% of the tree is utilized in the production from the forest to the flooring boards. Wood floors are the most environmentally friendly flooring option available.
- PA 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 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)



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

- Wood Floors improve air quality.
- 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.

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