



WHY HOME DEPOT IS THE IDEAL DISTRIBUTION PARTNER

The world's largest home improvement retailer, Home Depot, has a deeply environmental corporate culture, defined in the following statement:

"At Home Depot, we realize how vitally important it is to conserve our environment. The following principles help to guide us in our actions and lead us down a path of sustainability:

- ▶ We are committed to improving the environment by selling products that are manufactured, packaged and labeled in a responsible manner, that take the environment into consideration and that provide greater value to our customers.
- ▶ We will support efforts to provide accurate, informative product labeling of environmental marketing claims.
- ▶ We will strive to eliminate unnecessary packaging.
- ▶ We will recycle and encourage the use of materials and products with recycled content.
- ▶ We will conserve natural resources by using energy and water wisely and seek further opportunities to improve the resource efficiency of our stores.
- ▶ We will comply with environmental laws and will maintain programs and procedures to ensure compliance.
- ▶ We are committed to minimizing the environmental health and safety risk for our associates and our customers.
- ▶ We will train our employees to enhance understanding of environmental issues and policies and to promote excellence in job performance and all environmental matters.
- ▶ We will encourage our customers to become environmentally conscious shoppers."

Executive Environmental Council

In support of these principles, Home Depot in 1997 formed an Executive Environmental Council to integrate environmental planning within every aspect of the company. Efforts are focused on many issues, including waste reduction, the development of alternative products, sustainable forestry practices, and green building design. "We believe building responsibly is a form of stewardship and is simply a smart way to building quality, affordable housing."

The Home Depot Foundation

In addition, the Home Depot Foundation supports, through grant-making programs, affordable housing initiatives that incorporate green building attributes.

The Foundation also funds, with non-profit partners, programs designed to restore urban and rural forests in order to create healthier natural areas and a better environment for our communities.

WHERE SMART PEOPLE SHOP, THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL FIND US