

## The Oxford Garden Is Green

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Taking care of the environment is everyone's job, and at Oxford Garden, we take our part very seriously. After all, we are in the business of creating beautiful, comfortable, and durable natural wood furniture meant to be used and enjoyed outdoors. In addition, many of our products are crafted from superior Shorea wood, a variety of hardwood that's so well-suited for furniture construction that little processing is required to alter it from its natural state.

Below are a few of the ways we maintain our commitment to eco-friendly operations:

- **Abundance of Shorea wood.** Shorea trees grow primarily in the rainforest regions of Southeast Asia, where shrewd reforestation strategies have ensured constant tree repopulation. Though this precious natural resource remains plentiful, Shorea wood is carefully regulated. Only mature trees can be legally harvested, a process that requires governmental permission and proof of the tree's sufficient age. Younger trees are left to grow and reproduce until they're mature enough to harvest. These regulations have ensured a steady supply of Shorea wood, while also protecting irreplaceable forests. In addition to a lower price tag, the wide availability of Shorea wood provides an important benefit when compared to teak.
- **Sustainable harvesting.** Shorea wood is a natural and sustainable resource. Per harvesting regulations, only trees of a certain size (20" or greater in diameter, in most cases) can be legally cut. This protects younger, more vigorous trees so they can grow and repopulate the forests. These and other conservation measures are responsible for the flourishing of Shorea forests, while also ensuring a steady and renewable source of this beautiful wood.
- **Chemical-free production.** We are proud to note that a majority of our furnishings are created without the use of chemicals, with no harmful by-products released back into the environment. We do our best to keep things simple. Because we obtain our exquisite Shorea from superior sources, minimal processing is required to bring out the wood's stunning colors and grains. At Oxford Garden, we base our policies on our profound respect for nature—it provides for us, and we do everything we can to return the favor.

- **Energy-efficient manufacturing.** Our factories use recycled wood to fuel our production kilns. We understand that natural resources are both precious and expendable, so we take steps to conserve them during our manufacturing process. The result of our efforts is a smaller carbon footprint and the inspiration of further conservation work, both inside and outside the company.

Because we specialize in crafting one-of-a-kind wood furniture, we depend on nature for our livelihoods. With the constant goal of nurturing and protecting our environment, we continually review our operations and introduce measures that will make our garden, and yours, a little greener.