

Sustainable Building Contributions



The built environment accounts for a large share of global energy use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, playing a major role in effectively addressing climate change. At Haworth, we are continually improving our sustainable building practices to promote spaces that benefit user well-being, and restore and protect the natural environment.

Buildings can have significant sustainability impacts during construction, occupancy, renovation, and demolition. Sustainable building standards and certifications help mitigate these impacts by providing a framework for design, construction, operation, maintenance, and even furnishings. The following are the most widely used in the commercial interiors industry:



LEED®: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design is one of world's leading green building certification systems. Multiple Haworth showrooms around the globe—including our corporate headquarters—are L EED certified.



WELL: The WELL Building Standard™ focuses on the connection between a building and the health and wellness impacts on its occupants. Our Los Angeles, USA showroom is WELL certified. Our Shanghai, China showroom was the first Commercial Interior facility in Asia to receive WELL Certification.



BREEAM®: The internationally recognized Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method is a holistic sustainability performance assessment for individual buildings, communities, or infrastructure.

From our Global 2025 Commitments

Circular Design

100% of new products designed using circular design principles.

End of Life Program

Offer sustainable solutions for customers' used furniture.

Sustainable Wood

Source 100% of wood from sustainable sources.

Responsible Sourcing

100% of tier one suppliers screened according to responsible sourcing criteria and sign Haworth Code of Conduct.

Expertise to Support Client Certifications

Our clients can benefit from both LEED and WELL Accredited Professionals at Haworth to support certification projects that align with their individual goals. These well-known sustainable building standards are point-based systems, allowing applicants to accumulate points in various categories. Depending on the targeted certification and project scope, Haworth products can contribute toward achieving certain green building credits.

Indoor Air Quality

Contributions to LEED, WELL, BREEAM

Many Haworth products have achieved GREENGUARD, GREENGUARD GOLD, or Indoor Advantage Gold certifications, demonstrating the products are low emitting. Products are tested in accordance with ANSI/BIFMA M7.1-2011 (R2016) and determined to comply with ANSI/BIFMA X7.1-2011 (R2016), ANSI/BIFMA e3-2019 (credits 7.6.1, 7.6.2, 7.6.3), and CDPH Standard Method v1.2-2017. E1 formaldehyde emission class is the minimum standard for Haworth wood panels. Many Haworth composite wood products comply with low formaldehyde emissions requirements such as the EPA TSCA Title VI, or the E05 formaldehyde emission standard.

[Refer to: LEED EQ Credit Low Emitting Materials, WELL X06 VOC Restrictions, BREEAM Hea 02 Indoor Air Quality](#)

Ergonomic and Adjustable Furnishings

Contributions to LEED, WELL

Our integrated portfolio ensures that products are designed with flexibility and adaptability in mind. Haworth offers expandable and convertible workspace products—including a range of movable partitions—to ensure space flexibility and account for any future space use changes. Our products are designed for easy disassembly with standard tools.

Our portfolio includes active workspaces through height-adjustable desks and workstations that encourage physical movement. Haworth seating products offer adjustability in height, depth, armrest positioning, backrest angle, and lumbar support. Our height-adjustable monitor arms, as well as desk-mounted and floor-standing screens, support workplace comfort, safety, and general well-being through ergonomic design and education.

[Refer to: LEED MR Credit Interiors Life-Cycle Impact Reduction, WELL V02 Ergonomic Workstation Design, V07 Active Furnishings](#)

Responsible Sourcing

Contributions to LEED, BREEAM

All Haworth manufacturing facilities globally have an environmental management system certification in accordance with ISO 14001. We work diligently with our supply chain to ensure high levels of recycled content for many products. Haworth wood products only contain legally harvested and traded timber materials. Chain of custody certified wood products by the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) are available as standard and on-demand for many Haworth products (FSC and PEFC license codes are shown on Product Environmental Data Sheets). Haworth releases an annual global Corporate Social Responsibility Report with disclosure on responsible sourcing, supply chain, and manufacturing.

[Refer to: LEED MR Credit Sourcing of Raw Materials, BREEAM Mat 03 Responsible Sourcing of Construction Products](#)

Hazardous Material Reduction

Contributions to WELL

We maintain a close dialogue with our suppliers to prevent the use of potentially hazardous substances and to ensure they continue to conform with applicable regulatory requirements, such as REACH and RoHS, and further in-depth Haworth sustainability standards. We strive for solutions that are neutral to the environment, with positive impacts on human health. Through supplier chemical material declarations and fabric certifications, such as EU Ecolabel or OekoTex Standard 100, Haworth can confirm product offerings are free of harmful chemical groups. This includes hazardous substances like halogenated flame retardants, per- and polyfluorinated substances, and heavy metals, like lead, mercury, cadmium, antimony, and hexavalent chromium. We also strive for PVC-free and phthalate-free products.

[Refer to: WELL X01 Material Restrictions, X05 Enhanced Material Restrictions](#)

Material Transparency and Impact Information

Contributions to LEED, WELL, BREEAM

Product Environmental Data Sheets (PEDS) are available for most Haworth products and provide lifecycle information, such as parts and material composition, recycled content and recyclability, manufacturing and logistics conditions, certifications, and material chemistry disclosure. For select products, life cycle assessments (LCA) are developed to provide

comprehensive insights into environmental impact categories, including carbon. While maintaining our sustainability focus on value-added improvements and transparency initiatives, we also pursue externally verified, Type III Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for a few select, high-volume products. In addition, we showcase Declare product labels (LBC Red List Free, LBC Red List Compliant) that demonstrate content inventory to 1,000 ppm for specific North American product lines. European LEVEL certified products also earn points for material ingredient assessments down to 100 ppm per certification requirements under credit 7.4.1.3 Advanced Level (4 points).

Refer to: [LEED MR Credit Environmental Product Declarations](#), [MR Credit Material Ingredients](#), [BREEAM Mat 01 Life Cycle Impacts](#), [WELL X07 Material Transparency](#), [X08 Materials Optimization](#)

Haworth Collection and Partner Offering

Contributions to LEED, WELL, BREEAM

Haworth Collection represents a world-class offering of lifestyle designs that can enrich every workspace. It showcases that design thinking is at the core of Haworth's values. We partner with leading designers who encompass the traditional craftsmanship of artisans and innovative, new technologies that bring design details to life.

Haworth partners with brands that align with our values and complement our portfolio, offering our clients an array of designs and applications for any environment. Haworth Collection and partner products and applications may therefore qualify for several additional credits in these sustainable building schemes:

Acoustic Performance

e.g., BuzziSpace acoustic products (LEED, WELL, BREEAM)

Air Quality and Thermal Comfort

e.g., use of LENS tools and surveys and Freespace sensors (LEED, WELL, BREEAM)

Lighting Design

e.g., Pablo Designs and BuzziSpace lighting products (LEED, WELL, BREEAM)

Restorative Spaces

e.g., BoConcept, Cappellini, or Brunner furnishings for rest and relaxation (WELL)

Linking Our Activities to the SDGs

The Sustainable Development Goals are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and improve the lives and prospects of everyone, everywhere. The 17 goals were adopted by all UN Member States in 2015, as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Haworth contributions to sustainable buildings align with four of the 17 goals.



By creating sustainable and healthy workspace solutions for our clients, Haworth strives to promote well-being in the workplace.



We listen and continuously learn from internal and external stakeholders to foster innovative solutions for the most pressing issues we face today; with innovative, sustainable materials and business models.



Through sustainable, safe, and healthy workspace solutions, we are contributing to the creation and use of sustainable buildings.



As part of our commitment to design with people in mind and make best use of the Earth's resources, we are focused on design for sustainability—to minimize the environmental impacts of our business and promote responsible consumption.

Expertise, Sustainable Products, Services: What We Can Offer

Our approach to sustainable building contributions reflects the value we place on our members, customers, communities, and environment. The products we design and manufacture support safe and nourishing environments using sustainable and healthy materials. With the Haworth Collection, we expand our portfolio to support a variety of workstyles and landscapes, enabling an experience tailored to individual needs. With our designated LEED and WELL professionals we can help our clients create inspiring workspaces that benefit their people and our planet, while contributing to sustainable building certifications.

Want to learn more?

Learn more about our [sustainability commitments](#) and download our [Corporate Social Responsibility Report](#).