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green is the new black

The fact that you've taken time to read this catalog means we probably don't need to persuade you of the reasons to build green. The current standard in building practices are at the root of today's most critical environmental and social troubles, including global resource depletion, air and water pollution, and international economic instability.

So, what's the good part? **You** — the new generation of homeowners, architects, designers, rehabbers, contractors, developers, and companies who now recognize the green building push as a powerful agent of change that can produce immediate results, added value, cost savings, and community and public benefits.

Green building now represents the fastest growing segment of the US construction industry and projected to amount to 10% of all US construction by 2010. The growing demand for building projects that use environmentally friendly materials has spurred a shift to green in the US construction industry with an estimated \$15 billion of "green buildings" in the process of construction in 2009. This means the tide is finally shifting away from the question "Is there a smarter way to build?" to "How can I do it?"

The challenge is finding products that are in line with your priorities and green goals — whether they are motivated by health issues, a decision to reduce your carbon footprint, a way to lower energy costs in the home or building, or another reason.

At **Mwanzi Green Building Supply**, we don't just sell products — we work with you to understand your needs and goals, and then guide you to the green products and applications that work best for you or your clients.

Qualifying building materials is a multifaceted process. There are always tradeoffs. Sometimes what seems to be improvement later turns out to be a problem. We're always learning, and our selection continues to get stronger. We don't have all the answers to all the questions, and we certainly don't expect our clients to change the world single-handedly. But together, we know we can build a better planet.

countertops

RICHLITE FSC & GREENGUARD certified, 50-100% post-consumer recycled paper, non-toxic resins.

ECOTOP reclaimed waste lumber and bamboo biocomposite solid surface.

PAPERSTONE 50-100% post-consumer recycled paper, non-toxic resins.

TERAGREN BAMBOO

BUTCHERBLOCK rapidly renewable resource, vertical, horizontal, and parquet styles.

SQUAK MOUNTAIN STONE fibrous-cement material comprised of recycled paper, recycled glass, coal fly-ash and cement.

TERAZZO recycled glass and concrete, Cradle to Cradle certified.

ENVIROGLASS 100% recycled glass and porcelain.

SOLID SURFACE low-emitting, GREENGUARD certified, seamless install.

LAMINATE low-emitting, GREENGUARD certified, exclusive AEON™ technology for durable surface.



wall covering

KIREI COCO a new line of reclaimed coconut shells wall covering, low-VOC resins, FSC certified wood backer, multiple patterns.

MODULAR ARTS mineral composite panel system, 100% mineral, non-combustable, class A fire rated, no formaldehyde or VOCs.

FORTIS ARBOR reclaimed, renewable or FSC certified wood mosaic tiles, hand-made and hand-finished.

SARK 98% recycled glass tile made from windshields and glass bottles.

OCEANSIDE tiles produced from recycled glass bottles, over 20 colors and sheens, square and rectangular sizes.

KIREI BOARD reclaimed sorghum waste and poplar strips, wall covering, non-toxic binders.





sheet materials

BIOFIBER wheat straw, biocomposite, decorative or structural.

DAKOTA BURL sunflower seed hull biocomposite, decorative or structural.

TERAGREN bamboo plywood, solid or cross-core.

ZI BAMBU bamboo plywood, solid or cross-core.

HIGUERA FSC certified bamboo plywood, solid or cross-core.

SKYBLEND FSC certified, formaldehyde-free particleboard, structural and cabinet grade.

PUREBOND FSC certified, formaldehyde-free plywood, structural and cabinet grade.



flooring

OZARK GROUND FSC certified, Missouri grown, solid oak flooring.
MODEL FSC certified, hardwood floor, bold color stains.
STONESCAPE NON-PVC vinyl tile, resilient, limestone, natural pigments.
MARMOLEUM sheets and tiles, wood flour, linseed oil, mineral pigments.
QU-CORK click planks, rapidly renewable resource, acoustical and thermal benefits.
EXPANKO XCR4 cork/rubber mix tiles, rapidly renewable resource.
RECLAIMED WOOD reclaimed and resawn, hard and soft woods.
GREEN TECH recycled, zero voc, durable, porcelain tiles.
MIKADO zero voc, faux-wood, 100% recyclable porcelain tiles.
WOOL CARPET rapidly renewable, carpet rolls and rugs, loop pile or woven textures.
GRASS ELEMENTS rapidly renewable, low voc, solid bamboo floor, standard and stain colors.
TERAGREN rapidly renewable, low voc, solid and floating bamboo floor.
HIGUERA FSC certified, low voc, rapidly renewable, bamboo floor.



sinks + showers

OXYGENICS showerhead designed to save 30% to 70% of water used, spa-like experience, 16 air intake ports through which air enters, mixed with water and accelerated out.

TOTO water conserving products for baths, sinks, lavatories, toilets, washlets, faucets, and showers.

WILDHORSE 100% recycled copper sinks, made by a family owned factory in Mexico, every sink hand hammered and formed by skilled craftsmen, vessel, farmhouse, and other styles available.

WILSONART low-emitting, GREENGUARD certified sink, solid surface double and single bowl sinks, bar sinks, and vanity bowls, deeper than many stainless steel or cast iron sinks.

VITRASTONE custom cast products made from 70-85% recycled glass, minerals, flyash and cement, unlimited design potential, custom colors.

about us

MWANZI COMPANY was founded by Jermain Todd in 2005. Its mission is to make green building products affordable and accessible, so that green building can be easily adopted into renovation, rehab, and construction projects. We seek to create a successful business that will benefit our community and the earth we all share. Through our green product offerings we hope to minimize energy costs, improve air quality and help sustain the earth's natural resources.

In 2005, MWANZI COMPANY began as a wholesale distributor of renewable bamboo flooring and bamboo decorative panels in the state of New York, providing a select network of retailers/dealers with high-quality, affordable, bamboo building products. This portion of MWANZI COMPANY's operation remains a core part of its business today.

With over three-dozen retailers/dealers, and numerous contractors sourcing its quality bamboo products, MWANZI COMPANY has sold over 600,000 sq.ft of bamboo flooring and 450,000 sheets of bamboo decorative panels. MWANZI COMPANY carries stock of its wholesale bamboo products in four (4) convenient locations across the country: Kansas, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and California.

In April 2008, MWANZI COMPANY expanded its business into a new geographic and business market by opening a small, green retail operation in Saint Louis, servicing homeowners, architects, interior designers, and contractors in the Saint Louis area. The retail operation supplies renewable bamboo flooring, bamboo decorative panels, bio-composite panels, natural fiber & wool carpets, fsc® particleboard, cork floor and wall tiles, recycled ceramic & porcelain tile and more. 80% of its retail products are conveniently stocked in Saint Louis.

With its growing wholesale operation and retail operation, MWANZI COMPANY is becoming an important source for environmentally friendly building products.

adhesive/sealant

GEOGREEN ALL-IN-ONE ADHESIVE/SEALANT very low VOC adhesive and sealant designed for most moving and non-moving joints and adhesive applications, bonds to most common building materials, including aluminum, brick, concrete, drywall, glass, foam insulation board, metal and wood. contains no harmful solvents and meets strict LEED and NAHB guidelines.

GEOGREEN DRYWALL/PANEL/SUBFLOOR ADHESIVE low odor, zero VOC, water clean-up construction adhesive, instant grab on virtually any porous or non-porous surface, bonds to a variety of plastics, wood, concrete, brick, plasterboard, carpet, and metal. contains no harmful raw materials. meets strict LEED and NAHB guidelines.

GEOGREEN SIDING/WINDOW/DOOR SEALANT very low VOC, can be used in all weather conditions, is UV and weather resistant, tolerant to damp surfaces and remains flexible. will not shrink and has no added solvents. paintable with latex-based paints. can be applied in damp weather. meets strict LEED and NAHB guidelines.



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