

Make Sure More Than Just Your Cabinets Last

With the help of industry partners, the Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association (KCMA) has created the Environmental Stewardship Program (ESP) to encourage industry policies and practices that benefit the environment and society. This groundbreaking new program provides a tangible way for cabinet manufacturers and suppliers to show their commitment to environmental sustainability.

Since launching ESP at the 2006 International Woodworking Fair, the voluntary certification program has been enthusiastically received by cabinet manufacturers of all sizes. After meeting the certification requirements in areas such as air quality, resource management and environmental stewardship, ESP-certified companies can display the ESP seal on their products.

This seal is your assurance that you are doing your part to help preserve our environment. Ask your cabinetry supplier today if their products carry the ESP seal and encourage your customers to ask for it too.



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Make it Your Business to Help Preserve the Environment

Look for the KCMA Environmental Stewardship Program (ESP) Seal on Your Cabinets





How the Program Works

The KCMA Environmental Stewardship Program is modeled after the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Green Home Guidelines program established in January 2005 and is administered similar to the existing industry quality performance standard developed and maintained by the KCMA. Any manufacturer of pre-finished, factory-engineered cabinets may participate. ESP certification is awarded annually and based on compliance in five categories. These categories contain 18 different criteria with a total of 105 possible points. To be certified, a manufacturer must score a minimum of 80 points. The breakdown of required points by category is as follows:

CATEGORY	POINTS
Air quality	30
Product resource management	30
Process resource management	20
Environmental stewardship	15
Community relations	10

ESP goes beyond other environmental programs to not only look at raw material sourcing and management, but to also set standards for manufacturing and product processes in regards to air quality and formaldehyde use. Applicants must provide testing reports, copies of written policies, proof of purchase and similar credible documentation/records to substantiate claimed points.

What it Means to be ESP Certified

Manufacturers must demonstrate compliance with stringent criteria to be awarded ESP certification. These criteria include, but are not limited to:

- 75% of particleboard, plywood and MDF used in the cabinets must be certified to meet lowest formaldehyde emission standards
- 75% of particleboard and MDF used in the cabinets must contain 100% recycled or recovered fiber content
- Hardwoods must be certified through an independent and credible sustainable forestry program
- A documented energy conservation program must be in place
- A written Environmental Management System must be available and enforced
- An active recycling program for process wastes must be in place
- All federal, state and local environmental requirements must be observed
- The manufacturer must demonstrate community involvement and leadership through service or charitable organizations.

It is a rigorous process that helps guarantee that everyone is doing their part to provide you with sustainable cabinetry products.

A Strong History and Reputation of Advocacy and Leadership

Since 1955, the KCMA has represented the interests and goals of kitchen, bath and other residential cabinet manufacturers and suppliers to the industry. Since the beginning, the association has been committed to excellence in manufacturing through continued quality, advocacy and leadership. It developed the consensus U.S. industry performance standard and voluntary testing program for cabinets (ANSI/KCMA A161.1) that is maintained and updated regularly consistent with ANSI requirements. And now, KCMA is building on that experience with a voluntary environmental stewardship standard for cabinet manufacturers—the KCMA Environmental Stewardship Certification Program.



A complete list of ESP-certified companies and brands is available on the **Visitors and Consumers** section of the KCMA Web site at www.kcma.org.