## SUSTAINABLY SOURCED PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING

We believe in sustainability, but what is sustainability? Sustainability is the ability to be maintained at a certain rate or level or the avoidance of the depletion of natural resources in order to maintain an ecological balance.

How are we doing this? We source lumber from responsible mills who work closely with harvesters. These harvesters work with the Department of Agriculture to insure they are preforming the task at hand correctly and responsibly. Did you know it takes the average Douglas Fir 15 to 20 years to reach mature size for timber harvest? In Montana these trees are harvested from forests that were responsibly planted in the 1990's, these forests are harvested, replanted and will again be ready to harvest in 2040. This same concept is true in hardwood forests in the Southeast. Timber harvest is rotated to provide thinning that promotes tree growth. In some case's timber is harvested from private land that is being cleared for development or is thinned for fire mitigation. These sales prevent the timber from ending up in landfills or slash piles.

RWP salvages reclaimed timber from urban tree maintenance operations and local landfills. These trees are given new life as dimensional lumber, fireplace mantels, live edge slabs and more.

Packaging for shipping and storing products is sourced from suppliers using recycled content. This includes carboard, banding, lumber wrap, and package fill. We take steps to limit waste and over usage in our packaging process. We recycle all waste generated at our facility.

