



## The Home Depot and the Environment

The Home Depot<sup>®</sup> continually strives to conduct business in an environmentally responsible manner through our stores, our supply chain, and our products. From improvements in efficient store operations to our commitment to carrying environmentally preferred products, our goal is to make a positive environmental impact and make our communities a better place for generations to come. The Home Depot's commitment to the environment affects all areas of our business, such as store construction and maintenance, energy usage, water usage, CO2 emissions, product selection and customer education. The company's environmental products program focuses on the improvement of existing products, development of alternative products, forestry and ecology, green-building design and sustainable development.

At The Home Depot, we realize how vitally important it is to conserve our environment. We strive to live by the following principles, which help to guide our operating and product decisions:

- Conserve natural resources by using energy and water wisely, and seek further opportunities to reduce resource consumption and improve the efficiency of our stores, offices and distribution network.
- Minimize environmental health and safety risks for our associates and our customers.
- Continue our journey to reward suppliers that manufacture, package and label in an environmentally responsible manner to minimize impact to the workers who manufacture them and the consumers who use them, and to preserve raw materials and eliminate unnecessary waste.
- Recycle and encourage the use of materials and products with recycled content.
- Encourage our customers to become environmentally conscious shoppers.

The Home Depot expanded its long-term commitment to Environmental Sustainability with the launch of Eco Options in April 2007. Eco Options is a product classification system identifying items that meet certain environmental performance criteria, allowing consumers access to products that have less of an impact on the environment than traditional products and empowering them to make more environmentally conscious decisions in their homes. Since the launch in 2007, we have increased the number of environmentally preferred products from 2,000 to over 20,000 products as of 2018. The program has added products including zero and low VOC paints, environmentally preferred cleaners, ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> certified products, products labeled by the EPA's WaterSense<sup>®</sup> program, organic soils, fertilizers and pest control, and many more. Eco Options products offer one or more of the following benefits:

- Energy Efficiency
- Water Conservation
- Healthy Home
- Clean Air
- Sustainable Forestry

The Home Depot works closely with suppliers and independent experts to bring new, innovative and environmentally preferred products to our customers. We strive to hold our suppliers and ourselves accountable to improve the environmental impact of our supply chain, our store operations and the products we sell.