



Our Commitment to Sustainability

At Courier, we consider it our obligation to be responsible caretakers of the environment. As citizens, we want to reduce the impact that our business has on the environment. And as a company, we want to provide our customers a variety of options for producing “green” books.

We continuously work to meet our customers’ goals for books with minimal environmental impact. We achieve this through utilizing environmentally responsible manufacturing processes in which emissions are reduced, energy is conserved and comprehensive recycling programs are in place. In addition, we source materials from responsibly managed forests, mills and other suppliers and, last but far from least, our book manufacturing is here in the United States, where environmental, health and safety regulations are among the strictest in the world.

Paper is, of course, the largest ingredient in books. Courier is committed to Chain of Custody certification programs for paper and other forest-based products that promote responsible forest management and reforestation:

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

FSC, established in 1993, is an international not-for-profit organization that promotes environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically feasible management of the world’s forests. FSC developed the first independent system for forest products, and is active in 66 countries on five continents. FSC certification requires adherence to principles of forest management that are designed to ensure that water, soil and wildlife are protected as raw materials are harvested and replenished.

Courier’s 5 manufacturing plants are FSC-certified.

To learn more about FSC, please visit their website at www.fscus.org.

Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)

SFI, established in 1994, is an independent organization whose participants are committed to sustainable forestry on all lands they manage. SFI chain of custody certification tracks fiber content from certified lands through production and manufacturing to the end product. The SFI standard addresses key environmental, social and economic forest values; including water quality, biodiversity, harvesting and regeneration.

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Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)

PEFC, founded in 1999, is an independent nongovernmental organization which promotes sustainably managed forests through independent third party certification. PEFC is a global organization designed to assess and endorse national and regional forest certification programs that meet their criteria. PEFC’s sustainable forest management criteria are founded on internationally recognized requirements developed by government agencies around the world.

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For related information, please review Courier’s Environmental, Health and Safety Policy at www.courier.com.