

# Green Lumber and Building Material Resources

While the FCS, SFI, and CSA all maintain Web sites to help you find green-certified materials, ProSALES found the following sites easier to use, with a few caveats.

## Company, Web site

## Pros/Cons

### **Metafore's Forest Certification Resource Center**

[www.certifiedwoodsearch.org](http://www.certifiedwoodsearch.org)

Good, centralized resource for locating land, lumber, and wood products certified under FSC, SFI, and CSA. Limited by the information behind it, it can come up blank in regions where no resources are available. In Utah, for instance, the site returns zero locations for retail or contractor sales of certified products.

### **GreenGuard Environmental Institute**

[www.greenguard.org](http://www.greenguard.org)

With an aim at promoting indoor air quality, GreenGuard's directory lists more than 3,000 products, including paints, insulation, and flooring. Searchable by product type and manufacturer, the products in this directory are independently lab-tested to rate their emissions. Limited to products that emit into the indoor environment.

### **BuildingGreen's GreenSpec Directory**

[www.buildinggreen.com/menus/](http://www.buildinggreen.com/menus/)

A directory of 2,100 building products selected for their overall life-cycle impact on the environment. GreenSpec tells you why it includes each product by its green attributes. The downside: you have to pay for access to the subscription site.

### **Northwest EcoBuilding Guild's Green Pages**

[www.ecobuilding.org](http://www.ecobuilding.org)

A wide-ranging directory of building products and services, searchable by product type, location, and keyword. May be too wide-ranging for some dealers—it includes listings for eco-art and feng shui—and some listings can be heavier on marketing copy than actual specs.

### **EPA's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Directory**

[www.epa.gov/epp](http://www.epa.gov/epp)

A general guide to products and resources that are government-approved for having limited environmental impact. Includes a dedicated building section, but can be unwieldy to navigate.

### **GreenSeal**

[www.greenseal.org/findaproduct](http://www.greenseal.org/findaproduct)

Directory of products mostly tailored to the hotel and lodging industry, but includes listings of eco-friendly windows, doors, and paints.

### **U.S. Green Building Council**

[www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org)

The Green Building Links page, found under Resources, offers a comprehensive listing of green resources online, though actual product recommendations are hard to find.