



# BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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## **Our environmental mission:**

To be the industry leader in sustainable manufacturing practices while providing our Customers with superior furnishings they can feel great about utilizing day in and day out.

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Since 1979, Business Enterprises Ltd. (BRC) established itself as a leader in offering high-quality products and complete furniture solutions including casegoods, systems, tables and filing products. We proudly serve North America's commercial, educational, healthcare and government markets.

Located in Georgetown, Ontario, Canada, BRC was built on a commitment to a strong belief in sustainable and environmentally conscious business practices. We have become a forerunner in blending environmental initiatives with the manufacturing of renewable and recyclable products.

Our commitment to building sustainable products has lead us to become experts in designing and manufacturing high-quality goods with environmentally friendly practices that our Customers can feel good about.

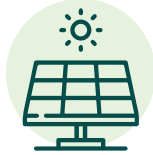


# Putting our Green Foot Forward

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BRC's casegoods are made with components that are recyclable.



BRC has a solar array on its rooftop that produces **250kW** of energy every single day, enough to power **8 houses per day**.



BRC has established a goal of zero greenhouse gas emissions by the year **2030**.



The BRC design team selects products that come from **renewable, recycled, recyclable, or biodegradable sources** wherever feasible.



At BRC's manufacturing facility, we recycle:  
**98%** of our scrap wood  
**100%** of our cardboard  
**100%** of our steel & aluminum



**For community outreach BRC has donated to:**  
Cancer Assistance Service  
Halton Hills, Georgetown Hospital, Georgetown Breadbasket, Bruce Trail Conservancy, and Food for Kids.



In 2021, BRC generated **1,291,565 kWh** of energy back to the grid, enough to power **121 houses for 1 entire year**.



BRC has achieved **BIFMA Level® 2** certification on all its products.



BRC's invests in strategic shipping logistics solutions to **reduce our carbon footprint** when it comes to delivering our orders across North America.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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BRC values its community and its place within it. To demonstrate this value, BRC looks for ways to contribute to the community including donations, volunteerism, and sponsorship opportunities. Along with this commitment, we encourage our employees to do their part to be responsible citizens of the community, by engaging in local events, fundraisers, community programs and conservation efforts.

As part of its commitment to the community BRC and its Management team has reviewed and chosen a number of charities to make donations on its behalf. BRC has made donations to the Cancer Assistance Service Halton Hills, Georgetown Hospital, Georgetown Breadbasket, Bruce Trail Conservancy, and Food for Kids.



BRC has a diverse staff and 30% of its employees have been with the company for over 20 years.



# CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

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## **Social Responsibility Policy**

Part of BRC's continued success is rooted in the people that make up our company. As we set our sights on growth, we too must grow our people resources. To that end, BRC is committed to invest in employee education, through cross and product training as well as other development initiatives. BRC's employees are a valuable asset to our organization, and we choose to invest energy into further developing their knowledge and skills.

## **Trusted Partners**

BRC makes a conscious decision to partner with reliable and sustainable companies and sources. Their environmental and sustainable mission matches with BRC's values and beliefs. We carry a collection of biodegradable fabrics and laminates that come from recycled sources and are 100% recyclable.

## **Purchasing Policy**

BRC sources material in a responsible manner considering the longevity of the product, end of life recyclability, cost, raw material source and location of manufacture when considering vendor partners. We give preference to materials and sources that conserve energy, raw materials and offer a high degree of functionality through their working life. We also give preference to materials that are packaged with materials that can be readily recycled. Where possible, BRC will source material inputs from local suppliers to reduce energy required to produce and ship materials over long distances with a goal to reduce overall emissions. We always look for opportunities to consolidate inbound shipments to maximize equipment usage and trailer space.

## **Supplier Code of Conduct**

BRC is committed to working in partnership with our suppliers to follow a code of conduct in the areas of employee labor conditions, health and safety, environmental management, business ethics, and corporate social responsibility. We periodically update our policies to simplify our communication about BRC's values and how they extend to our supply chain partners.

## **Transportation Policy**

BRC is committed to reducing the amount of energy we consume through our business practices. To reduce our energy consumption, we have adopted various policies which has a direct impact on energy consumption through transportation. These transportation policies include electric forklifts, anti-idling, consolidating loads, bulk packaging, tire pressure check, and off-hour shipping.

## LEED



**90%**

Pre-Consumer  
Recycled Content

**100%**

Post-Industrial  
Recovered Wood Fiber

**5%**

Post-Consumer  
Recycled Content

BRC uses TFL and HPL materials that are not only refined in appearance and elegant in tone, they also encompass the essence of sustainability in all of its product offerings. Panels are manufactured using recycled and recovered wood fiber (pre-consumer).

For customers seeking LEED® certifications, FSC certified and or Ultra Low emitting materials can be provided. Ultra Low emitting materials can help you achieve up to 6 LEED® points (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) on your building projects. Contact your BRC representative for details on Ultra Low emitting materials.

Standard HPL/TFL panels

- Meets or exceeds CARB Phase 2 standards

Ultra Low Emitting Panels - Such as NU Green®

- FSC® certified
- ECCTM certified
- Made from 100% recycled and recovered wood fiber (pre-consumer)
- Can help you achieve up to 6 LEED® points

| CATEGORY                             | INTENTION                                                                                    | CREDITS / POINTS              |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IEQ 4.4 | Improve indoor air quality.                                                                  | 1 point                       |
| MATERIALS AND RESOURCES MR 4.1       | Increase the use of products that incorporate recycled content material.                     | 1 point                       |
| MATERIALS AND RESOURCES MR 4.2       | Increase the use of products that incorporate recycled content material.                     | 1 point in addition to MR 4.1 |
| MATERIALS AND RESOURCES MR 5.1       | Increase the use of materials that are extracted and manufactured within the project region. | 1 point                       |
| MATERIALS AND RESOURCES MR 5.2       | Increase the use of materials that are extracted and manufactured within the project region. | 1 point                       |
| MATERIALS AND RESOURCES MR 7         | Encourage environmentally responsible forest management.                                     | 1 point                       |



### LEVEL® 2 CERTIFIED

BIFMA's e3 Furniture Sustainability Standard is a voluntary, multi-attribute standard that measures the degree of sustainability of furniture. This standard evaluates product and company environmental attributes and compliance systems in a wide range of elements which include Materials, Energy & Atmosphere, Human & Ecosystem Health and Social Responsibility. BRC products have earned Level® 2, BIFMA's sustainability certification program for furniture, certification through third-party verification against the e3 standard. All BRC products can be supplied with Level® certification. In order to accomplish this, the product must also be ordered with the air-emissions-certification option.

### AIR-EMISSIONS

All BRC products can be supplied with air-emissions-certified materials.

# COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

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UL / CSA Electrical



ASTM E84 / CAN UL C - S102



CAN / CGSB 44.227



ANSI / BIFMA x5.5  
ANSI / BIFMA x5.9



BIFMA x7.1  
BIFMA Level 2



Clean Air Certificate for Systems  
Clean Air Certificate for Caseloads  
Clean Air Certificate for Tables  
Clean Air Certificate for Worksurfaces



TSCA Title 6 - Uniboard  
TSCA Title 6 - Tafisa  
TSCA Title 6 - Finsa  
TSCA Title 6 - Panolam  
TSCA Title 6 - Arauco



FSC Chain of Custody - Nicholson Cates  
FSC Chain of Custody - Tafisa  
FSC Chain of Custody - Panolam  
FSC Chain of Custody - Wanderosa  
FSC Chain of Custody - Uniboard  
FSC Chain of Custody - Wilsonart  
FSC Chain of Custody - Formica



LEED - Uniboard Laminates  
LEED - Tafisa Laminates

Not all BRC's products conform to the above listed standards. Please consult our sales team for more information specific to your product requirements.



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