



## Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Pollution Prevention Champion

Lilipad Studio  
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### Environmental Commitment

A devotion to artistry, combined with a passion and commitment to sustainability, has inspired Lilipad Studio's line of heirloom quality, functional art furniture.

### Pollution Prevention Success

#### Green Purchasing

Lilipad Studio evaluates the raw materials it uses in its furniture-making business. Green purchases include:

- Green Seal certified paints that do not contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs), an air pollutant. Green Seal is an independent, non-profit organization that identifies and promotes the manufacture, purchase, and use of environmentally responsible products and services.
- Low-VOC sealers and finishes.
- Formaldehyde-free fiberboard made of waste produced during wood processing.
- Wood certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). FSC is a non-profit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world's forests. FSC sets standards that ensure forestry is practiced in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable way.
- Recycled-content office paper and stationery supplies.
- Biodiesel fuel for its company vehicle.

In addition, Lilipad has implemented systems to ensure success of its green purchasing goals, including:

- Training employees about non-toxic materials and supplies.
- Evaluating paints and stains for known and suspected carcinogens.
- Staying current on new eco-friendly materials available on the market.
- Using just-in-time purchasing, ordering supplies only as needed.
- Storing paints and supplies visibly in a way that ensures they are used on a first-in, first-out basis before their expiration dates.

#### Recycling

Lilipad Studio recycles paint cans, mail, cardboard, office paper, cans, and glass, and uses recycled packing materials for shipping whenever possible.

## Water Conservation

Lilipad Studio has implemented water conservation measures including:

- Using water in buckets for rinsing rags, sponges, and brushes as opposed to rinsing with running water.
- Landscaping with drought-resistant and native plants.
- Watering at night to minimize evaporation.

## Energy Conservation

Uses day-lighting and energy-efficient light bulbs to minimize energy use for lighting.

## Education

Lilipad uses its Web site to educate visitors about environmental products and sustainability. Staff present information about running a green business to schools.

## Leadership

Participates in the Environmental Resources Center's Circle of Environmental Excellence and Leadership (CEEL) program.

## For More Information

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