

Kwalu®

Virtually Indestructible™

To paraphrase the noted environmental activist, Paul Hawken: “...take no more than you need, do not harm life or the environment, make amends if you do, leave the world better than you found it...”

In this age of ever-depleting natural resources, we at Kwalu have chosen the path less traveled. Our holistic approach to environmental stewardship takes into account the impact of our products on every aspect of the environment, and starts by focusing on the materials we use.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency and its Science Advisory Board recently ranked indoor air pollution among the top five environmental risks to public health. With Americans increasingly spending up to 90% of their time indoors, **Internal Air Quality** is a significant issue.

According to the American Lung Association, new wooden furnishings have been found to be among the major contributors to internal air pollution. This is due to the varnishes and lacquers which release Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's) and formaldehyde.

Because we use a high-impact resistant polymer finish to produce our products, they do not release VOC's. Our products preserve the internal air quality of your facility, so that it remains free of the harmful volatile organic pollutants that

varnished wood products release.

And because the finish on all Kwalu products is renewable, there is no need for the messy and hazardous sanding and refinishing that wood maintenance entails. Long-term, this reduces the exposure of maintenance staff and those living and working within your facilities to hazardous chemicals.

At our manufacturing facilities, we ensure the safe disposal of chemicals. One of our manufacturing facilities is even located in a residential community!

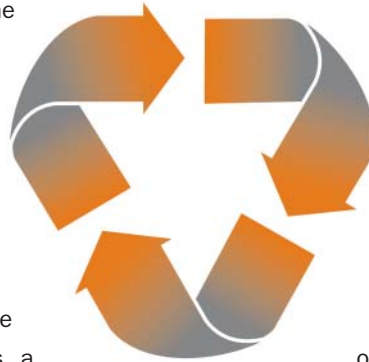
Many Kwalu products contain between 10% and 40% **recycled content**.

In addition, the product itself can be recycled at the end of its useful life. We are constantly striving towards reducing virgin materials, and make use of recycled products whenever possible.

In keeping with our philosophy to tread lightly on the earth, a percentage of our annual profits is donated to restoring the natural environment. In partnership with our vendors and customers, we're working hard to guarantee the loan from our children.

In addition, the company offers an environmental/recycling discount in the event that you wish to return the product directly to us instead of recycling it yourself. The discount would be applied to your next purchase of Kwalu products.

Each day, we strive to leave our world a little better than we found it. Won't you join us?



Treat the earth well. It was not given to you by your parents. It was loaned to you by your children.

– Kenyan Proverb