

Sustainable Forestry Certifications

Port Townsend Paper is certified under multiple sustainable forestry programs using third-party certification of our chain-of-custody and fiber sourcing standards. These certifications provide our customers with the highest standard of stewardship and traceability possible.

Under these certifications we ensure:

- Exclusion of illegally harvested wood, old growth timber, or forests with high conservation values
- Exclusion of sources of harvest in violation of social laws, worker health and safety, traditional civil rights, workers right to organize
- Conservation of biodiversity, Protection of endangered and threatened species, and preservation of soil and water quality
- Preservation of cultural resources
- Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) is a globally recognized system that uses regionally developed forest management standards and includes chain-of-custody.

Port Townsend's FSC Chain-of-Custody (CoC) certification is a system that tracks fiber movement from the source to the consumer and allows companies to make claims about the certified and/or recycled fiber within their products. FSC encourages the maximum use of recycled fiber in paper and other products wherever possible, and provides one of the industry's few verification protocols for recycled fiber.

Port Townsend holds the FSC Controlled Wood certification in conjunction with our CoC certification meaning that we avoid the use of unacceptable sources of wood in our products.

More information can be found on the [FSC Website](#)

- Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) is an internationally recognized North American standard which includes provisions for forest management, fiber procurement and chain-of-custody.

Port Townsend Paper controls the purchase and harvest of wood fiber through certification to a procurement management standard (SFI® Fiber Procurement). Fiber procurement certification is unique to SFI Inc. by supporting responsible forest management not only on SFI-certified lands but also on millions of acres that are not certified through the use of trained loggers. This ensures fiber from risky

sources does not make its way into the supply chains of SFI program participants.

In North America, program participants must comply with all applicable laws to protect workers, local communities and the environment. They must also strive to proactively improve forest practices through logger education and by encouraging their suppliers to use the services of qualified resource and logging professionals. These steps help to promote best management practices that protect water quality; encourage reforestation of harvested sites, and identify and protect important habitat elements for wildlife (including endangered species and communities). PTPC annual audit results and more information can be found on the [Sustainable Forestry Initiative Website](#)

- [Questions and Concerns](#) We consider it important to have an open dialog with the community and invite your questions & comments. Check our feedback page, call us at (360) 379-4224, or e-mail us at community_relations@ptpc.com