

# Office Furniture Center

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## Our Environmental Sustainability Story



We founded this business more than 15 years ago on the premise that sustainable practices are not only good for the environment but good business. Our readily available furniture of over 100,000 items is showcased, stored and reconditioned in a 60-year old converted catalog warehouse located in an underserved area of Chicago. Our diverse staff of furniture specialists, designers and production workers take pride in knowing that we offer the highest quality of pre-owned and refurbished furniture at prices that are affordable to both small and large businesses alike.

We believe today's environmental stewardship is everyone's responsibility. We are doing our part by offering sustainable office furniture solutions. We acquire premium pre-owned office furniture from all over the country to refurbish, recondition & repurpose. These assets are then resold to value driven and ecologically minded individuals, firms and organizations. Our approach allows us to divert hundreds of tons of materials from landfills every year which reduces the need for new furniture production.



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## Our Impact: By The Numbers

Each year, Office Furniture Center diverts over 1,100 tons of materials from landfills through recycling, charitable donations, repurposing of assets, and resale of product. Through these efforts, OFC annually saves the equivalent in new product production of:



**7,786,500** Kilowatts of Electricity



**132** Billion BTU's of Energy



**924,494** Gallons of Oil



**16,781** Cubic Yards of Landfill Space

What does that mean for you?

### Our Yearly Output



**125 TONS**  
Scrap Metal



**35 TONS**  
Cardboard



**73 TONS**  
Paper Products



**131,800 kWh**  
Electricity

### What Can You Do With These Numbers?



**POWER HOMES**  
12 Homes/year



**POWER 220 COMPUTERS**  
8hrs/day, 365 days



**DRIVE AN ELECTRIC CAR**  
439,333 Miles

*Our Yearly Output figures reflect what OFC recycled as well as how much was diverted from landfills through donation & resale.*

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## By The Numbers: Our Data

How did we come up with all of our data? Well, we won't give you all our information, but here are the sources for our information.

Based on numbers provided by the National Recycling Coalition & the EPA, we can assume the following:

One ton of recycled **steel** saves:

- 642 kWh of electricity.
- 76 gallons of oil.
- 10.9 million Btu's of energy.
- 4 cubic yards of landfill space.

One ton of recycled **paper** saves:

- 4100 kilowatts of energy
- 3.2 cubic yards of landfill space
- 60 pounds of air pollution.

One ton of recycled **aluminum** saves:

- 14,000 kWh of electricity.
- 1,663 gallons of oil.
- 237.6 million Btu's of energy.
- 10 cubic yards of landfill space.

One ton of recycled **plastic** saves:

- 5,774 kWh of electricity.
- 685 gallons of oil.
- 98 million BTUs of energy.
- 30 cubic yards of landfill space

By combining these numbers with our annual recycling numbers and the amount of product that was repurposed or resold, we are able to come up with our estimates for the environmental impact that we make as a company.

Are you interested in learning what impact you can make by purchasing premium pre-owned furniture? No problem! We can provide you with an Environmental Impact Statement after your purchase. Just ask your sales rep!

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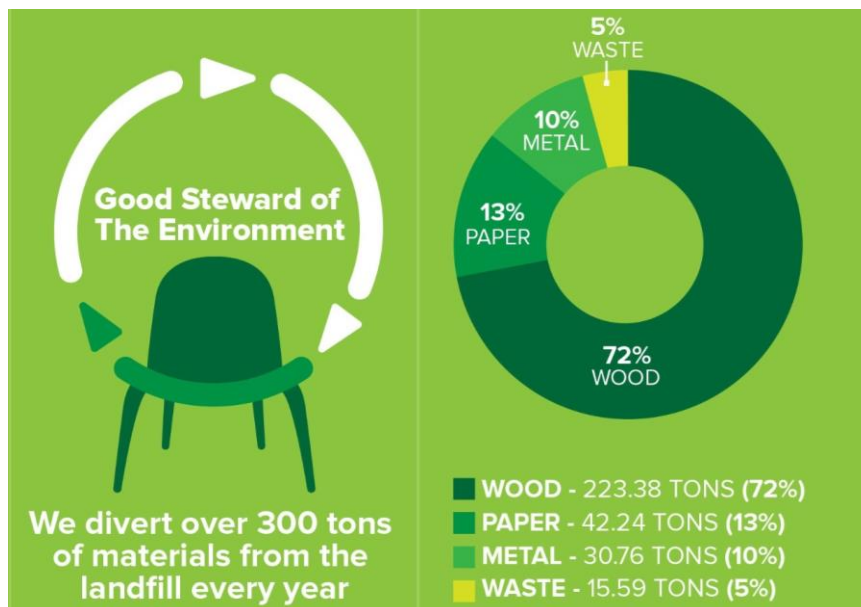
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## On-Site Recycling Center

As we continue to innovate and focus on our sustainability objectives, our team has implemented the **Office Furniture Center** Recycling Center, which provides a simple and efficient way for employees to separate waste from materials that will be recycled. By continuing to invent new ways for our team to recycle, **OFC** is now more sustainable than ever.



## Our Annual Recycling Numbers



*Actual figures of what OFC recycles annually*

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## 5 Tiers of Sustainable Reuse of Furniture



### **TIER 5: 100% Pre-Owned**

Our premium pre-owned furniture is the epitome of sustainable furniture buying. By acquiring the furniture and having it avoid the landfill, we maximize the savings in new product production. This gives perfectly good furniture a new life with the fewest amount of resources to bring it back to life.



### **TIER 4: A Refreshed Solution**

Our refreshed solution is one step up from premium pre-owned, but with a slight environmental cost. By putting a fresh coat of paint on a workstation or private office, or by adding in new arm pads or casters to a chair, we have improved the condition of the product while pulling a very minimal amount of extra resources.



### **TIER 3: 100% Remanufactured**

We have a complete in-house remanufacturing program which is state of the art. Any workstation or chair you see can be completely rebuilt to meet your exact specifications. We take the "bones" of an existing pre-owned station which avoids the landfill. We add new fabric, surfaces, storage, whatever you need. A great custom solution which is a perfect alternative to buying new from a manufacturer.



### **TIER 2: A Blended Solution**

A blended solution is often the most popular solution for a customer. By mixing all of the product tiers, you can find a solution which is both value priced and sustainable. Just beware – the more new product you include in your blend, the less sustainable your solution will be!



### **TIER 1: Buying New from Manufacturer**

Buying new furniture feels great – you get furniture in perfect condition and it is exactly what you are looking for. But the environmental costs of manufacturers producing new furniture is drastic. If you are looking for an eco-friendly furniture option – buying new is not for you.



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## LEED Credits

### LEED Certification Points on Pre-Owned Products

The intent of the LEED certification program is to encourage the adaptive reuse and optimization of products and materials. LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design is the most widely used green building rating system in the world. The certification system is designed to decrease the environmental impact of buildings. LEED Certification can also mean other benefits for your business. From higher resale value of properties, to lower electricity costs and tax incentives, there are countless benefits to "going green."



### Claim Four LEED Certification Points Today!

Shopping with Office Furniture Center can allow you to earn four LEED Certification Points. To earn, simply outfit your workspace with pre-owned, salvaged, or refurbished furniture. If over 30% of the total furnishing cost is spent on adaptive reuse of products, you are eligible for LEED Certification Points.



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