




What does Going “Green” Mean?

Identifying and Understanding your options

Knowing what to look for is important when searching for the perfect green countertop for your project. From Post-Formed, to Custom Laminate, Solid Surface and Natural Quartz, there is a wide variety of environmentally friendly countertop materials available.

Below is a chart that provides some helpful information regarding different organizations and what their certification means. Look for the symbols below as you and your customer are shopping for eco-friendly products.

Certification Symbol	Description	Website Address	Certified Products
	GREENGUARD Environmental Institute (GEI) - establishes acceptable indoor air standards for indoor products. This seal assures customers that the product has no impact on indoor air quality.	www.greenguard.org	All laminates Cambria Zodiaq Silestone Corian Staron Wilsonart Solid Surface
	Products bearing the GREENGUARD Children and Schools SM certified mark have been independently tested and meet some of the most rigorous chemical emissions standards in the world.	www.greenguard.org	Same as list above
	NSF International certifies product and writing standards for food, water, air, and consumer goods. NSF / ANSI 51 certification is the highest level for products that come into contact with food. Products with this certification have non-porous surface that resist staining and prevent absorption of moisture.	www.nsf.org	Cambria Zodiaq Silestone Corian Staron Wilsonart Solid Surface
	An Environmentally Preferable Product (EPP) has been certified by Composite Panel Association (CPA) to meet certain environmental criteria. Products certified to EPP's program are made from 100% recycled and/or recovered fiber. In addition products certified as EPP have formaldehyde emission not to exceed 0.18 ppm as set by California's new regulation on formaldehyde emissions—known as the CARB rule.	www.pbmdf.com	Medex from HK EQ from VT Industries Vesta Particleboard Skyblend Particleboard
	The USGBC is a non-profit coalition of building industry professionals which seeks to improve the environmental quality of buildings and communities. The organization has set the leading national standard for green building known as the LEED Green Building Rating System. Using the products listed to the right may help your project to obtain LEED points toward 4 different certification levels.	www.usgbc.org	All laminates Cambria Zodiaq Silestone Corian Staron Medex from HK EQ from VT Industries Vesta Particleboard Skyblend Particleboard