

## **A Few Considerations when Evaluating Furniture or Mattress Products**

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### **Durability –**

- How long will this last? Buying products that last longer is not only more sustainable, but also makes good economic sense.

### **Wood –**

- Is it made from reclaimed lumber?
- Does the wood come from a responsible source? There are many certifications available such as the FSC or SFI.
- Does the wood come from fast-growing, renewable resources such as Mango or Bamboo?

### **Steel –**

- Is recycled scrap steel used in the product?

### **Foam –**

- Is the foam cushioning made in part with renewable sources such as soy?
- Is the latex made from natural rubber sap rather than synthetic materials?

### **Fabrics and fibers –**

- Is the fabric certified? There are many competing certifications today.
- Are there renewable plant and animal fibers or recycled materials used in the fabric or fiber?