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good wood

Another area to green up: your bathroom vanity. The source of the wood and how it's constructed—made of plywood, particleboard or medium-density fiberboard (MDF)—all affect its eco-friendliness. Consider this:

CHOOSE a vanity made of from engineered wood, which is greener than one made from a harvested hardwood like oak, ash or maple. Engineered wood is constructed of scraps from a variety of hardwoods, and now healthier soy-based adhesives are being used to hold the scraps together instead of glues containing carcinogenic urea formaldehyde.

LOOK FOR the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) label when shopping for a new vanity. That's how you know the wood came from forestry operations that meet strong environmental, social and economic standards, Wilson says.

RESEARCH products or manufacturers with FSC certification at fsc.org and visit columbiaforestproducts.com to find those that use formaldehyde-free hardwood.

walls & floors

Replace wall and floor tile only when you need to, and upgrade to a greener version than what you have. Look for:

SALVAGED PRODUCTS Your local building supply salvage store or one of Habitat for Humanity's ReStore resale out-

lets could have what you're looking for, says Wilson. Nothing's more eco than rescuing from the landfill.

RECYCLED MATERIALS Seek companies with products made from recycled goods, like Crossville (crossvilleinc.com), a Tennessee-based manufacturer that recently introduced EcoCycle, a stone-look product that's made from 40 percent recycled ceramic content; or IceStone (icestone.biz), a New York-based manufacturer that produces a solid-surface material for countertops and walls made from 100 percent recycled glass.

LOCAL MANUFACTURERS Buy from a store that carries products made within 500 miles of where you live. You'll save on natural resources required to transport the material to your job site, reducing your carbon footprint.

paint

Choose low- or zero-VOC paint for untiled walls and ceilings, which are free of harmful odor-causing chemicals. You can find this paint both from boutique brands like Mythic Paint (mythicpaint.com) and major manufacturers like Benjamin Moore (benjaminmoore.com), whose Aura Bath and Spa line is specially formulated to lock out moisture and maintain color integrity. ■

must-haves



LOW-FLOW FIXTURES

Look for a showerhead that sprays at 1.5 GPM instead of the typical 2.5 GPM—it uses 40 percent less water.

FloWise showerhead, from \$25, American Standard; americanstandard.com

RECYCLED MATERIALS

Choose pieces made from salvaged materials, like this stainless steel sink made from 80 percent recycled metal. **Neo-Metro Oval Console Sink**, from \$1,900, Neo-Metro; neo-metro.com



FLUSH CONVERTER

This drop-in device converts a single-flush toilet into a dual-flush, saving a family of four up to 15,000 gallons of water per year. **Dual Flush Converter**, \$25, HydroRight; gomis.com for stores.

WATER-WISE TOILET

This one-piece wonder flushes using only 1.28 gallons of water rather than the typical 1.6. **Archer toilet**, \$510, Kohler; kohler.com

