

Environmental Efforts (CSR)

Cradle to Grave

At DC Office Furniture A/S, we work towards a common direction on how we behave regarding climate and resource consumption. As a supplier, we take responsibility for making choices that we believe provide the most environmental benefit, and where customers can easily see the difference we make. The Cradle to Grave principle involves considering the entire lifecycle of a product, from production to disposal, including its lifespan intricately connected to timeless design.

How do we do it?

While various environmental solutions are available, choosing all of them is not necessarily the right approach. We believe in being consistent in our efforts to minimize our footprint on the planet, primarily following the "Cradle to Grave" principle. This means, whenever possible, we purchase locally-produced goods (DK), minimizing error percentages, and order according to a custom-made concept – tailored to our customers' needs, neither more nor less. This approach also ensures a long lifespan when consistently working with quality furniture.

Below, you can read more about our environmental initiatives.

Right Solution, No Waste

When creating furniture solutions and interior proposals for our customers, we always analyze how to best utilize the available square meters, thus creating greater utility for our customers' spaces (space-planning). We offer advice on the best layout, with some consultations being free, while others are performed by mutual agreement. Staying in your current location saves a significant amount of resources and finances compared to relocating.

We incorporate multiple functions into the same piece of furniture, promoting increased employee well-being and prolonged enjoyment and use of the solution. The focus is on the right furniture for the right purpose, providing value to our customers that goes beyond monetary measurements but undoubtedly translates into reduced resource consumption.

Packaging and Furniture Disposal

Our experience shows that the furniture industry as a whole consumes a significant amount of packaging and material resources. However, by handling packaging correctly

and finding ways to repurpose used furniture, we continually optimize our environmental efforts.

[Read about how we manage packaging and furniture disposal here.](#) If you need assistance with the disposal of existing furniture, we are happy to handle it. Contact us today.

Thoughtful Office Furniture

The "buy-and-throw-away" culture is one of the most environmentally burdensome. We identify two measures to counter this: Quality and reuse.

In this video, we elaborate more on our thoughts about the environment and high-quality office furniture.

We have also specialized in optimizing your existing furniture. Perhaps the frame for your sit-stand desk is still usable, even if the tabletop is worn or outdated? – [Read more here.](#)

Consider the energy required to manufacture a sit-stand desk frame and its heavy transportation. If we can simply install a new stylish tabletop, we save about 75% of the energy consumption compared to a complete new desk. It's simple furniture upcycling.

Many of our products are made from recycled materials. While there is still too much new plastic being produced, especially in the furniture industry, plastic is recycled for seats and screen dividers.

Recycling of metal is also common in our products. Recycling aluminum uses 95% less energy than new production.

Many of the wooden furniture items from our Danish suppliers are FSC-certified, and more are continually being added.

Numerous furniture suppliers have started quantifying the climate footprint of their furniture. This number decreases the longer you use the furniture before discarding it.

Other Concrete CSR Initiatives

We adhere to labor laws, addressing both physical and mental well-being.

Administration:

- We use Swan-labeled paper for writing and printing.
- Printer ink cartridges are refillable, of the same brand, and returned to the factory.
- The majority of our electrical appliances have energy-saving functions.
- Lighting is energy-efficient – LED.

- We do not sponsor lobbying activities.
- No distribution of Christmas gifts, gift cards, etc.
- We only use approved payment systems that comply with EU standards for money transfers and money laundering legislation.

Internal Work Environment:

- Ergonomic aids are available for individual employee tasks.
- The warehouse/assembly department uses professional tools for assembly/conversion tasks, including fixed and approved grinding/cutting tools.
- Authorized extraction/filters are installed on machines that can cause discomfort.
- Assembly/installation takes place at adjustable workbenches.
- Various carts, lifts, and handling equipment are used to reduce heavy lifting.
- Smoking is not allowed in the workplace.
- Work hours and vacations are adhered to for recuperation.

Code of Conduct:

- We maintain a friendly atmosphere where everyone feels secure.
- Employees are encouraged to report illegal behavior, inappropriate procedures, and boundary-crossing conduct.
- Reporting of colleague dissatisfaction is encouraged.
- Employees agree to behave appropriately, both towards customers and colleagues.

Fleet and Machinery:

- All vehicles have catalytic converters/particulate filters.
- Vehicle selection is based on precise function, not too large or too small for the task.
- When replacing vehicles, minimal environmental impact is prioritized.
- Machinery, vehicles, etc., are stored/parked indoors for extended lifespan, following the Cradle to Grave principle.

Packaging and Surplus Materials:

- All packaging and leftover products are sorted for recycling.
- Used furniture for disposal is disassembled into main parts for maximum recyclability.
- If multiple parts from furniture can create a useful new product, it is handled accordingly.
- Cuttings from special projects are sorted and reused for other purposes.

- Cuttings and leftover materials are delivered to social workshops or school workshops.
- Cuttings or damaged wood that cannot be reused internally are externally recycled as granules.

Suppliers:

- Our suppliers comply with relevant environmental impact regulations.
- Furniture labeled FSC, Svane, Blaue Engel, etc., is available.
- Our suppliers are primarily Danish/Scandinavian.
- Selection of foreign suppliers is based, in part, on their environmental considerations and transportation impact.