

nickels stewardship



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the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

-Merriam-Webster dictionary

Nickels commitment to stewardship has been part of the company fabric since our inception in 1979. Stewardship is about long-term commitment to our core values, about being authentic, doing what we say we'll do and being wise and discerning corporate citizens. For Nickels, stewardship looks like this:

- Build cabinetry with high-quality components using CKCA certified construction standards, priced with fair value rather than maximum profit.
- Use materials that reduce indoor air pollutants ensuring a healthy home and workplace. This includes CARB II compliant materials for all our cabinetry, low VOC paints and stains, water-based adhesives, and the option of water-based conversion varnish topcoats.
- Provide a workplace that fosters long-term employee satisfaction by valuing and respecting the rich diversity of all our employees; by making safety equal to productivity; by sharing a portion of our profits with our employees; and by providing training and opportunities for a variety of jobs.
- Implement lean manufacturing systems to maximize material yield and minimize wasted material, time, effort, and space.
- Utilize recycled products whenever possible including material for our cabinetry, glass, plastic, aluminum accessories, and printed materials.
- Minimize the need for printed materials by providing a fully electronic online system for pricing and ordering, product information, installation instructions, warranty, cabinetry care, invoicing and a variety of other documents.
- Recycle all office paper, cardboard packaging materials, plastics, stain and paint solvents, paint drums, and waste wood.
- Offer value-added materials like Alder and Engineered Exotic veneers that make use of rapidly growing and managed wood fibres for fine quality finished products.
- Support community-based and global charitable organizations.

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