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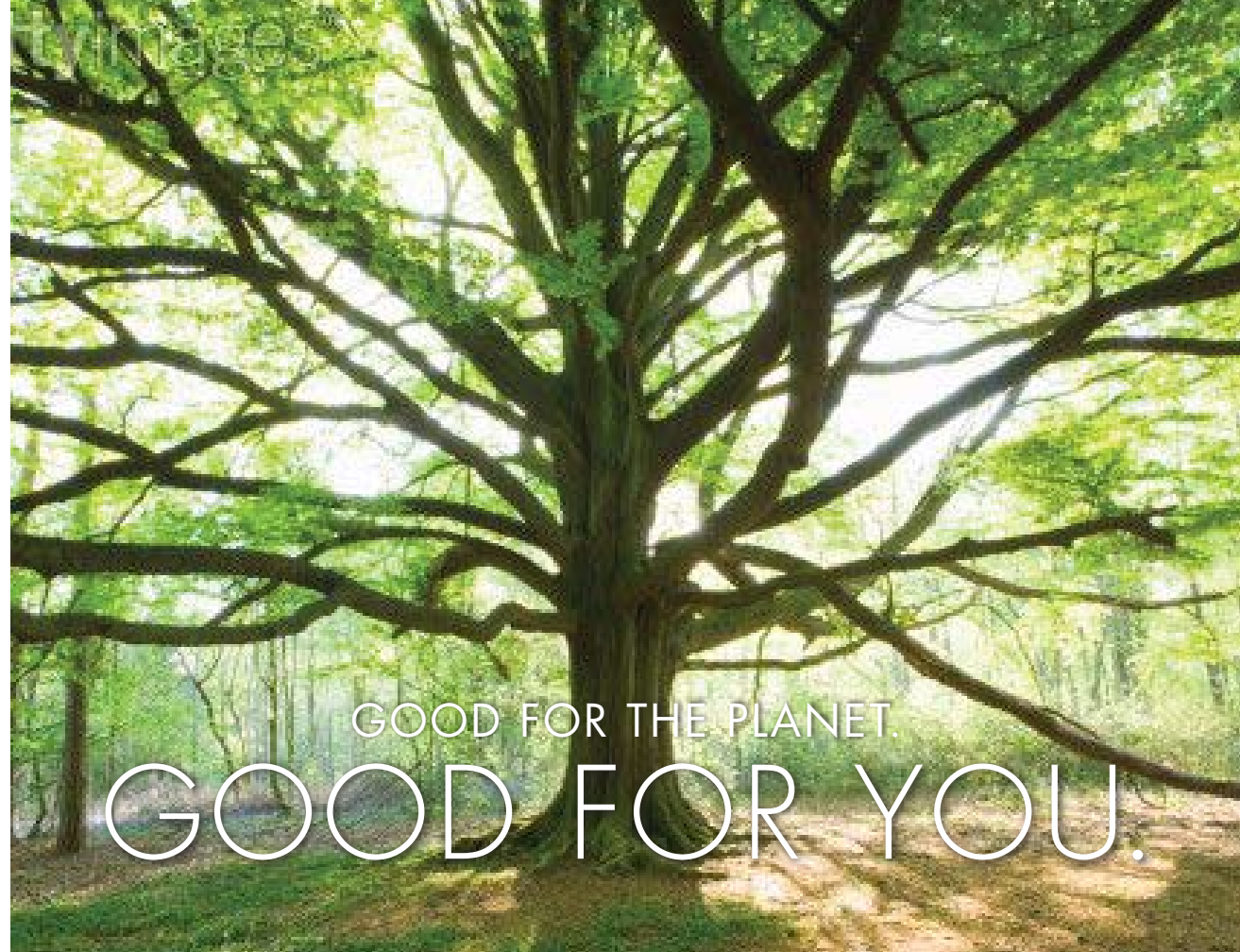


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**GOOD FOR YOU.**



TOGETHER,  
WE CAN SAVE  
THE PLANET.



## OUR DIFFERENCE.

### WHAT WE DO TODAY FOR EVERY PRODUCT PURCHASED FROM GAR PRODUCTS

- Solar panels for spot power
- Energy-efficient lighting
- Tankless water coolers
- Carpool program
- Foam recycling
- Bags
- Boxes
- Zero VOCs\* foam-to-plywood
- Very low VOCs\* wood-to-wood
- Printing on FSC\*\* paper
- Chair donations
- Materials for the Arts
- Crate donations

### WHAT WE CAN ALSO PROVIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR CLIENT TO MEET YOUR GREEN NEEDS

- FSC wood for chairs and table tops
- FSC plywood for seat panels
- Urea Formaldehyde free plywood and flakeboard
- ReSKU® foam seats
- GREENGUARD certified laminates
- GREENGUARD certified leathers
- GREENGUARD certified fabrics

\* VOCs = volatile organic compounds

\*\* FSC = Forest Stewardship Council; the strictest of the forest harvesting certification processes

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# YOUR CHOICE. YOUR FUTURE.

By integrating traditional manufacturing with unique green initiatives, we have set ourselves apart from our competitors. We design, develop, and manufacture products with constant awareness of environmental concerns. Without the understanding of today's ecological issues, it would be impossible for a company to forecast the market's demands.

As the company enters its third generation of family ownership, our commitment to protecting the environment continues. We acknowledge and respect the consumer's desire to purchase green solutions and we will continue to offer products that meet this need, and the need of future generations.



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In the past decade, the issue of global climate change has emerged as one of the most vital environmental problems of our lifetime. Businesses, citizens, and governments around the world have joined forces to take steps to preserve the planet for our children and grandchildren.

With this newfound awareness has come a renewed concern for the environment. As the world's human population grows, we must all work to conserve its precious resources.

At GAR Products, our conviction is that business can be a positive force for change, and this is why we are taking active steps to protect the planet.

We recently embarked on a total overhaul of our processes, examining every step: sourcing, design, manufacturing, shipping, and waste.

**Our goal?** To provide products with the same style and craftsmanship we've always prided ourselves upon—but with a smaller environmental footprint.

Inside, you can learn about some of the changes we've already made and the challenges that lie ahead as we improve the environmental quality of our furniture offerings.

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**As of November 2006, GAR Products began purchasing 100% of its power through Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) from Renewable Choice Energy Company. As a result, GAR Products is preventing more than 1.0 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions annually.**

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# PUTTING THE "NATURAL" BACK IN NATURAL RESOURCES

Every consumer product begins as a collection of natural resources—trees, minerals, plants. The high-quality furniture from GAR Products is no different. We use a variety of natural resources, including trees both for furniture and for paper, resins in our glues, and a variety of other gifts of nature.

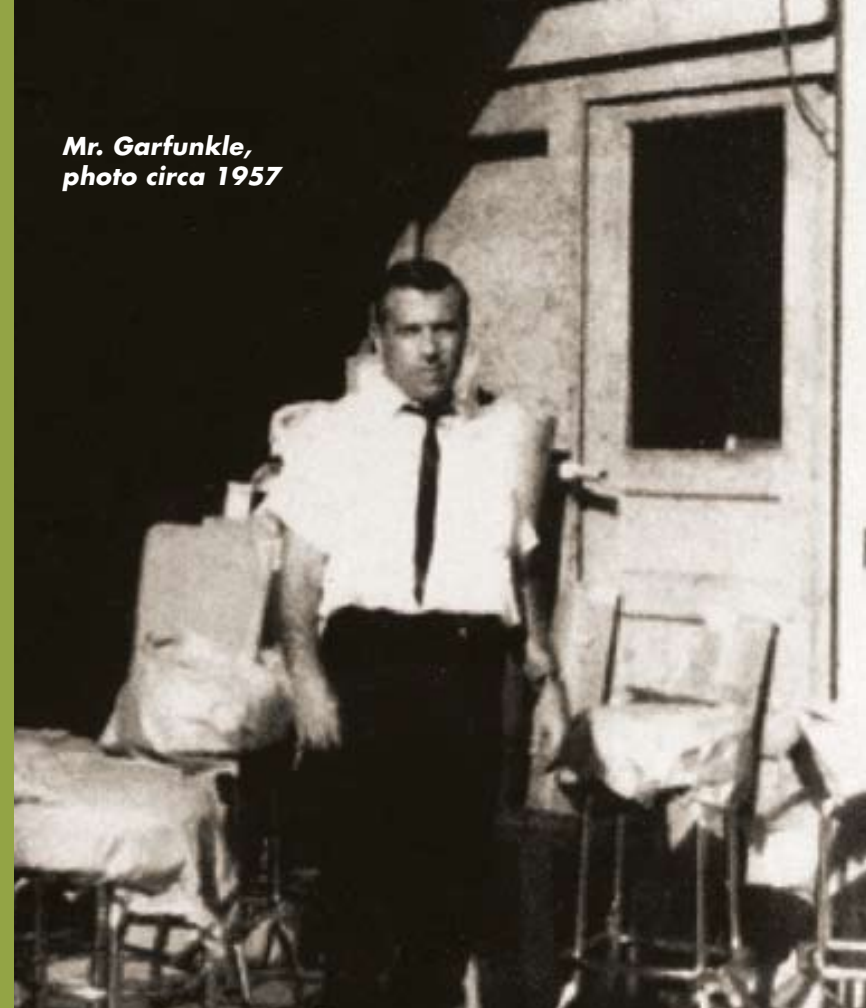
As part of our commitment to green manufacturing, we are searching out sources for raw materials that minimize the impact on the environment. For example, we have begun to source all the wood used in our paper catalogs and much of the woods in our furniture from forests that are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). Foam-to-wood glue is water based with no VOC's. Wood-to-wood glue is the lowest VOC available on the market.



## PAST = FUTURE

Our most important contribution to eliminating waste is the tradition of quality that has been our pride since we first opened our doors in 1956. By building furniture that holds up to hard use, we demonstrate our deep respect for high-quality, precious resources and the hard work that goes into every product that carries the GAR Products name.

*Mr. Garfinkle,  
photo circa 1957*



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# SUSTAINABILITY

At GAR Products we try to marry two important themes: That environmental protection does not preclude economic development and that economic development must be ecologically viable now and in the future. This concept of sustainability encompasses ideas, aspirations, and values that continue to inspire GAR Products to become better stewards of the environment and that promote positive economic growth and social objectives.

*GAR Products chooses to give back to the community in many ways:*

- **SOUTH AFRICA INITIATIVE** • [www.gse.rutgers.edu/southafrica](http://www.gse.rutgers.edu/southafrica)
- **MATERIALS FOR THE ARTS** • [www.mfta.org](http://www.mfta.org)
- **CENTER FOR ASBURY PARK** • [www.thecenterinap.com](http://www.thecenterinap.com)
- **DONATIONS TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS** • [www.njfoodbank.org](http://www.njfoodbank.org)



## RESPONSIBLE FORESTRY

*GAR Products is committed to the principles of sustainable forest management. In order to be certified by the Forest Stewardship Council, lumber must be harvested in such a way that:*

- **BIODIVERSITY IS PROTECTED**
- **A FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN IS IN PLACE**
- **WATER AND SOIL QUALITY ARE PRESERVED**
- **THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ARE RESPECTED**

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# GREEN INGENUITY

For decades, American manufacturers have invested in improvements to make their processes more efficient and safer for workers. Now that same ingenuity is being applied to environmentally responsible practices. At GAR Products, we've launched an innovative program to green our design and manufacturing to save energy and natural resources.



## SMALL CHANGES

The result of this unique system is that our coatings emit virtually no airborne toxins, either during their application or after they are shipped, through "off-gassing." In fact, our ultraviolet finishing process is nearly 13 times cleaner than the strictest pollution control regulations in the nation.

Best of all, we achieve these superb environmental results at the same time that we deliver exceptional quality to our customers. The ultraviolet finishes on our products have proven in lab tests to be virtually impervious to spills of all kinds, and we offer sophisticated color-matching technology to fit any setting.



# ECO-FRIENDLY

All of the green initiatives at GAR Products reduce waste. Our renewable energy policy, our elimination of traditional chemicals in our manufacturing plant, our use of environmentally responsible lumber, and our reductions in shipping pollution—every step of the way, we are removing waste from the environment. We've also switched to an ultraviolet finishing process that captures 97 percent of the substances in the finish, preventing the release of pollutants into the environment.

The sealer and top-coating applied to our furniture is among the most advanced and environmentally friendly available on the market. Originally developed to improve the efficiency of our manufacturing processes and the durability and beauty of our furniture, our patented finishing process also sets the standard for environmental responsibility.

The finishes used by most furniture manufacturers emit Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), which can be toxic to humans when they inevitably escape into the environment as airborne pollutants. At GAR Products, we use specially formulated water-based finishes that are cured in seconds with ultraviolet energy.



***GAR Products is proud to work with members of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) which certifies and ensures that virgin fiber comes from wood and forests that were managed respectfully and that no fiber comes from old-growth, threatened, or endangered forests anywhere in the world.***



*The improvements we've made to our design and manufacturing processes include:*

- **100% OFFSET WIND ENERGY**
- **UPGRADED ENERGY-EFFICIENT LIGHTING WITH SENSORS**
- **TANKLESS WATER COOLERS**
- **CARPOOL PROGRAM**
- **PLANT RECYCLING (E.G., FOAM SCRAPS)**

One of the most significant improvements we've made is in our energy usage. Since November 2006, 100 percent of our power has come from renewable sources, which we purchase through Renewable Choice Energy Company. As a result, we are taking more than a million pounds of carbon dioxide out of the emissions stream every year. That's equivalent to removing more than 100 cars from the highway every year.

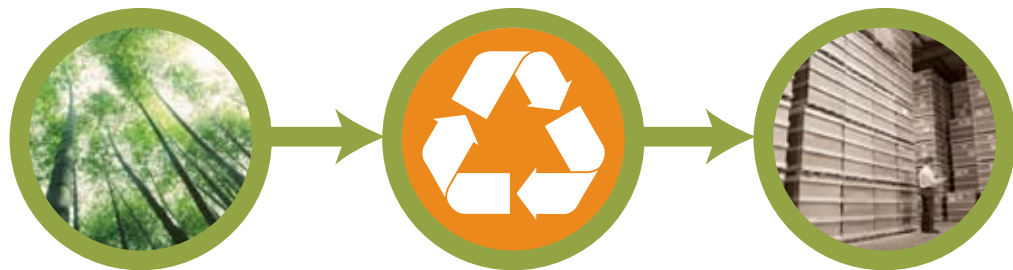
We've also made hundreds of small changes in our manufacturing processes that add up to significant change. For example, we're replacing all of our factory lighting with energy efficient fluorescents equipped with sensors. We've also worked with our vendors to reduce their environmental impact. Our table bases, for instance, now contain no lead, thanks to our insistence and due diligence.

*GreenStart*

***GAR Products was recently recognized by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for efforts to reduce pollution. NJDEP certified our company under the GreenStart Program, which assists facility owners and operators in complying with environmental standards and regulations.***

## SMARTER STEPS

We have taken several steps to reduce the impact of our shipping. Most of our products are shipped in packaging that is fully recyclable or biodegradable. The plastic bags that protect our furnishings are biodegradable.



**Good Choices:** We are committed to making the best possible choices: water-based, zero-VOC glue; outdoor powder coating that is certified lead free; solar panels and energy efficient fluorescent lights with sensors; tankless water coolers; carpooling programs; catalogs printed on FSC paper; foam scrap recycling; biodegradable and recyclable packaging.

## TURNING TRASH INTO TREASURE

Environmental stewardship is an engine for innovation. In searching for sustainable solutions, we've turned up products and processes that are not only environmentally responsible, but superior to traditional materials and techniques.

One example is high-density polyethylene (HDPE), a recycled plastic that provides a durable and attractive alternative to wood. HDPE will not rot, peel, blister, or weather. It is naturally stain resistant and cleans with soap and water. We add ultra-violet stabilized coloring agents during formulation, so the HDPE never needs painting and resists fading.

Best of all, HDPE is made from 90 percent recycled milk and juice containers. Instead of sending these petroleum-based "Number 2" plastics to the landfill, we reuse them in high-quality furniture that will last a lifetime.

**HDPE uses, like wood, are endless. As a rule plastic lumber is used to replace wood in areas where exposure to the elements is frequent or high abrasion is likely. Some of the more common applications include: Decking, Picnic Tables, Benches, etc.**

