

Going 'Green'



As-Is/Re-Use: Reusing existing product is currently the most green solution in the office furniture industry. This involves taking existing product, cleaning it, making minor repairs, and reusing it the way it is.



Remanufactured/Re-Use Blend: This is similar to remanufacturing, but rather than all products being stripped to the core, some of the original components and furniture are still in like new condition and reused.



Remanufacturing: Remanufacturing is the process of taking used product and rebuilding it. This involves the dismantling of the core, surface preparation, repair, refinishing, reupholstering and relamination. The customer selects their desired finishes and receives a like new product for a fraction of the price and environmental impact of new. The rebuild process of remanufacturing takes fewer steps and much less energy than full recycling processes and new manufacturing, while helping to divert waste from landfills.



Remanufactured/New Blend: This solution combines the benefits of remanufactured workstations with new products or component enhancements. Workstations are completely remanufactured and new components, such as glass windows, are added to the stations. A remanufactured/new blend job might also involve a mixture of remanufactured and new furniture product.



Recycling: Recycling involves breaking down products to basic materials, melting down metals, recycling glass and plastics, and reusing those materials to create new products. Recycling saves natural energy, but also requires more energy and resources to complete the process than remanufacturing.



New Product Manufacturing: The amount of natural resources extracted from the earth and energy needed to manufacture new product is large. Manufacturing also contributes to waste and pollution.