

# Assessing the Environmental Impact: Sustainable Practices in Modern Flooring

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, UNITED STATES, October 30, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The flooring industry has been under increasing scrutiny for its environmental impact, including the sustainability of materials used, waste generated, and long-term durability. Companies like Builder's Direct Floorworx are spearheading efforts to improve the environmental footprint of this crucial aspect of the construction industry.



<u>Brett Harris</u>, owner of <u>Builder's Direct</u> <u>Floorworx</u>, states, "The sustainability of

flooring is often overlooked, but it plays a vital role in the broader conversation about environmentally responsible building practices. At Builder's Direct Floorworx, we are committed to implementing and promoting more sustainable options in flooring."



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Sustainability Through Material Selection

One of the significant ways to reduce the environmental impact of flooring is by making responsible material choices. Sustainable materials such as bamboo, cork, and reclaimed wood are becoming more prevalent in the industry, providing both aesthetic appeal and environmental benefits. These materials are rapidly

renewable, biodegradable, and low in volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which contribute to better indoor air quality.

### Waste Reduction Initiatives

The process of installing flooring can generate a considerable amount of waste, from discarded old flooring to off-cuts of new material. Companies are adopting waste reduction initiatives, such

as recycling programs and donation of usable materials, to minimize landfill impact. Brett Harris adds, "Adopting waste-reduction strategies not only helps the environment but also can be cost-effective in the long run. It's a winwin situation for both the business and the planet."

Local Sourcing and Supply Chain Management

Another avenue for sustainability lies in the sourcing of materials and the



management of the supply chain. By sourcing materials locally, companies can significantly reduce the carbon footprint associated with transportation. Additionally, working with suppliers who are committed to sustainability can further enhance the environmental credentials of the flooring products. "Local sourcing is an underrated aspect of sustainability that offers both environmental and community benefits," emphasizes Brett Harris.

## Indoor Environmental Quality

A less talked about, but equally important aspect of sustainable flooring is its effect on indoor environmental quality. Materials low in VOCs, formaldehyde-free glues, and finishes that don't off-gas harmful chemicals contribute to a healthier indoor environment. "Our aim is to offer products that are not only sustainable but also contribute to a healthier living space. After all, floors are what we and our children walk, play, and live on," states Brett Harris.

# The Lifecycle Perspective

Understanding the entire lifecycle of flooring material, from resource extraction to disposal or recycling, is crucial for a comprehensive view of its environmental impact. Some materials, although sustainable initially, might require frequent replacement or maintenance, negating their environmental benefits. Lifecycle assessments, therefore, form an essential part of the environmental evaluation.

#### Standardization and Certification

To facilitate easier identification of sustainable flooring options, several organizations offer certifications for environmentally friendly products. Certifications like FloorScore and GreenGuard provide consumers with verified information about the sustainability and safety of flooring products.

## **Final Thoughts**

As the flooring industry continues to evolve, sustainability is becoming a focal point of innovation and development. Companies like Builder's Direct Floorworx are not only incorporating these practices into their business model but are also advocating for industry-wide adoption. "Sustainability is not just a buzzword; it's a long-term commitment. And it begins with informed choices, both from businesses and consumers," concludes Brett Harris.

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