

## OUR SHADE OF GREEN

We at Marin Designworks are conscious of the building industry's focus on the use of Green product for their building materials. And we realize green building materials can contribute towards earning "green-building" status for a building, therefore becoming LEED-certified. We'd like to share with you our shade of green...

We're pleased to state we do not use any toxic chemicals in the hand-manufacture of our glass tile product. We use low-VOC, waterborne organic coatings in coloring our glass. Even better, you can count on the fact we don't use heavy metal salts which are prevalent in the glass tile industry (even in use with some recycled glass product) which are toxic to the environment. In addition, we fire our coating on the glass at less than 500 degrees F, unlike other coatings or glazes which require firing temperature of over 1200 degrees F. Our carbon footprint is low and our product doesn't outgas – it's clean.

### GREEN FEATURES AND BENEFITS:

- We use low-VOC, waterborne organic coatings on our glass.
- We're proud of low energy consumption through lower temperature firings.
- Our glass doesn't outgas.
- Our glass is made from silica – one of the most abundant minerals on planet earth.
- We ship product using packing material we recycle from other retail tile companies.
- Our glass can be cleaned with organic (or Green) product – even plain water works!
- Our waterjet waste water is thoroughly filtered through a non-mechanical, three-tier waterfall system.
- Our facility is completely insulated and our use of artificial light is practically nil as we have large skylights and a multitude of windows which allows us to cut down on our energy consumption throughout the year.
- We recycle all our paper, cardboard, glass and appropriate plastics as well as all ink cartridges.

### LEED INFORMATION

- Our glass tile is manufactured in Sonoma County, California, USA; thereby, a builder using our product within 500 miles of our manufacturing facility can become eligible for one point LEED (MR 5.2) for use of Regional Materials if our product or our product combined with other regional product equals at least 10% of the cost of all materials used in the project. A true advantage when using Marin Designworks Glass Tile.
- Our product was included in 2007's *Sunset Magazine's Urban House* in San Francisco – the first LEED-certified urban home in the US.