



# Green Statement

Since the inception of Peace Pole Makers USA ® in 1985, we have been concerned about the environment and the products that we chose to use for making and shipping peace poles.

We have been a member of the National Green Pages since 2001 and continually work to find and use materials that are least invasive to our environment and our health.

It is also important to us to maintain a family like atmosphere at work. Employees can bring their dogs to work, and are encouraged to. We eat lunch daily together - frequently taking turns cooking for each other. We utilize materials that not only are healthy for the environment, but are also non toxic for our employees and customers.

If you have questions about our materials, products, or business practices, please feel free to ask.

## Materials:

**Wood** - In researching viable materials for Peace Pole making, we found that wood is a renewable resource which is the least harmful to the environment. We use Canadian western red cedar which has a natural resistance to decay and insect attack. It is also unlikely to warp, split, crack, cup or check with age or exposure to the weather.

**Stains** - we use an organic BioShield Healthy Living Aqua Resin Stain Finish. It is a solvent-free water-based, Zero VOC, low drip, resilient wood stain finish for exterior applications. Aqua Resin Stain Finish is based on non-toxic and natural raw materials that are harmless to the environment and waterways. Colors are light-stable and UV resistant. The finish is completely solvent-free.

**Aluminum** - Although aluminum is more invasive to the environment for production, the end results is maintenance free and weather resistant. We order our aluminum from a small company that shares the same business philosophy that we have.

**Paper products** - We utilize 100% recycled paper for printing and copying. Scratch paper is shredded and used as packing material.

**Vendors** - As much as possible we work with local vendors to supply us with materials and products. We also look to purchase products from vendors who are either Green Certified or work to leave as small of a foot print on the environment as possible.

