



Tournesol Vendor Compatibility



We prefer to do business with vendors who have similar goals. The following information outlines criteria we consider when selecting suppliers and other partners.



INTRODUCTION

Tournesol is committed to being the preferred sustainable supplier of high-performance landscape products for North America's forward-thinking commercial landscape architects, builders, and contractors. Sustainability, broadly defined, is the ability to maintain or support a process over time. It's usually broken into three core concepts: economic, environmental, and social sustainability. In our effort to promote sustainability measures, we embrace the vision in the American Society of Landscape Architect's Climate Action Plan of decreasing emissions, providing economic benefits through improved health and working conditions for workers, taking measures to decrease climate injustices, and restoring ecosystems while protecting biodiversity.

1. TRANSPARENCY IN MATERIALS

We prefer to work with companies that:

- a. Have invested in a life cycle assessment and/or an environmental product declaration, a health product declaration, Red List disclosures, or other reports related to emissions and the health effects of materials used.
- b. Have measurements of Scope I, II, and III emissions available.
- c. Have low carbon materials and recycled materials options available.
- a. Use responsibly sourced materials, using sustainable practices and avoiding extraction from critical ecosystems. Any third-party testing results are encouraged.

2. EFFORTS TO DECREASE EMISSIONS AND WASTE

We prefer to work with companies that:

- b. Have targets in place for emission reduction and waste reduction.
- c. Measure water waste with water-saving targets in place.
- d. Provide carbon offsets to assist in mitigating CO2 emissions.

3. MANUFACTURING AND OPERATIONS

We prefer to work with companies that:

- a. Have their manufacturing facility located within 500 miles of the Tournesol receiving facility, and/or utilize low-carbon transportation.
- b. Utilize energy-efficient equipment and lighting in their manufacturing facilities.
- c. Make use of renewable energy sources.
- d. Have a team training and safety plan in place
- e. Have facility certifications such as ISO 9001, ISO 14001, and/or ISO 45001 QMS ratings.
- f. Have an existing formal environmental policy, or are working toward one.

4. GOVERNANCE AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

We prefer to work with companies that:

- a. Support environmental conservation and restoration.
- b. Have a corporate sustainability program.
- c. Have a dedicated climate action lead.
- d. Publish a corporate social responsibility or impact report
- e. Have a focus on stakeholder capitalism principles.

5. EQUITY

We prefer to work with companies that:

- a. Employ fair living wage and working hours.
- b. Have a zero tolerance for forced labor, child labor or human trafficking.
- c. Have policies in place against employment discrimination of any kind.
- d. Have policies in place against harassment and abuse in the workplace.
- e. Make employee training and advancement opportunities available.

6. COMMUNITY AND ADVOCACY

We prefer to work with companies that:

- a. Support programs for volunteering, charitable giving, involvement in local climate justice activities, and support for underserved communities.
- b. Support education on sustainable practices.
- c. Make efforts to advocate for climate action both locally and in legislation.
- d. Are members in any organization that advocates for climate action.