

TORLYS and the Environment

- TORLYS is committed to creating the most beautiful and practical flooring available but not at the expense of the environment.
- TORLYS floors are engineered to minimize impact on the environment.
- TORLYS floors are reusable and recyclable – this means flooring products do not end up in landfill sites. These floors can be lifted and reinstalled in another room up to three times under full warranty.
- Used TORLYS flooring can be donated to Habitat for Humanity Canada, where it will be reused in Habitat Home construction projects. TORLYS is a national sponsor of Habitat for Humanity Canada. This reusability also minimizes impact on the environment and helps to reduce the amount of flooring that ends up in landfill sites. About 2.5 million tons of carpet, for example, ends up in landfill sites every year.
- TORLYS floors are engineered from natural, renewable raw materials whenever possible. TORLYS Cork floors are made from the bark of the Cork Oak tree. This bark is carefully harvested every nine years, and re-grows. Harvesting the bark does not harm the Cork Oak. These trees, which are pivotal in preventing the southwestern Iberian Peninsula from becoming a desert, live for up to 200 years. Cork is made of 50% air, and is a natural insulator -- both thermal and acoustic. Cork is hypoallergenic, and naturally fire retardant.
- TORLYS Leather floors are made from 100% recycled leather, unused trimmings from the manufacture of leather belts, jackets and boots. Leather that otherwise would be wasted and shipped to a landfill is now used to create beautiful, durable, environmentally-friendly floors.
- TORLYS Laminate floors are also engineered from natural products: wood fibre, paper and resin.
- TORLYS engineered Hardwood floors are more stable than solid wood floors, but use 50% less tree wood than traditional solid hardwood floors.
- TORLYS floors are engineered to exceed the E1 Harmonized European Standard governing formaldehyde emissions from HDF. The E1 standard is 0.1 parts per million. Formaldehyde emissions from TORLYS floors are as low as 0.04 parts per million. There is virtually no off-gassing from TORLYS floors that can affect conditions such as allergies and asthma.
- TORLYS is the only company in Canada that offers a comprehensive, complete selection of laminate, hardwood, cork and leather floating floors that are both design friendly and environmentally friendly.