



CASE STUDY

Cormier Upholstery Ltd.

Location:

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Products and Services:

Upholstering Specialists

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Achievements:

Everyone has a chair, or sofa passed down through the generations whose fabric tells the story of how old it really is. And nobody can ever throw those chairs or sofas out, because despite their horrific brown and lime green (don't forget the touch of mustard yellow) patterns, they are still the most comfortable, and well made piece of furniture in the house. Well, no more needing to hide it under an ill-fitting slip cover or throw blanket, Cormier Upholstery is here to save the day; and they will do it with the environment in mind!

Operating for over 40 years, Cormier Upholstery excels in one of North America's most important Rs; RE-USING! Literally thousands of upholstered sofas and chairs end up in our landfills every year. To some extent, the mass-produced poor quality and short life span of today's furniture is to blame, but that does not account for all of it. The disposable nature of furniture has stemmed from our increasingly consumer-powered society; meaning, when we change the paint color on the walls, we also must change our furniture! Judy Cormier of Cormier Upholstery believes that furniture made to stand the test of time should be put to the test, even though your grandmother's tastes were *very* different from yours! Disposing of furniture and buying new pieces requires much more energy than to re-upholster an existing piece; so if the piece is worth holding onto, then help save the environment by reusing it. Cormier Upholstery now also offers abundant fabrics made with a percentage of recycled materials, so energy savings will be seen in the production of the fabric and in the reuse of the furniture!

Furniture recycling is not the only thing Cormier Upholstery has done to earn Bronze status in Green Shops with 20 credits; they also use CFLs where possible and implement a no idling policy, as well as clean with environmentally certified cleaning products! Judy is set on maintaining her Bronze status and is going to use the next 12 months to green her business even more, Good Luck!