

# THE ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OF **MAPLE** **SPORTS FLOORING**

MFMA Sustainability Initiative Overview

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**MFMA**   
The Sports Flooring Authority®

# PLAY HARD, TREAD LIGHT

Team up with the MFMA to champion the sustainability of maple sports flooring.



As the world's foremost authority of technical information on maple sports flooring, the role of the MFMA is to advise and educate on the superior benefits of Northern hard maple.

In addition to superior quality, grading and performance standards, and enhanced athlete safety, one of the most important and timely benefits of natural maple sports flooring is its inherent sustainability.

Sustainably sourced wood and wood products offer a viable solution to our global efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build toward sustainable development.

TOGETHER we've made  
the best choice for athletes and  
the environment.



## A Few Environmental Benefits of Maple Courts

**For more than 100 years**  
professional basketball courts  
have been sourced from  
sustainably managed northern  
hardwood forests that  
prioritize regeneration to  
ensure long-term forest health.

**The average MFMA Maple  
Sports Floor** stores 51 metric  
tons of CO<sub>2</sub> keeping it out of  
the environment.

**Sustainably managed  
forests** = Net zero carbon  
emissions.



# ABOUT THE MFMA SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE

For more than 100 years, the MFMA has championed sustainable forestry practices through stewardship and robust wood products markets. This year the MFMA launched the MFMA Sustainability Initiative to raise awareness and provide educational materials to promote the environmental benefits of maple sports flooring.

The MFMA Sustainability Initiative launched with the input and support of our 8 mill manufacturer members to increase environmental literacy within our organization and the wood sports flooring industry. Our mission is to identify sustainability strengths and areas of opportunity and understand the environmental impacts of using (maple) wood sports flooring as opposed to synthetic alternatives.





# ABOUT THE MFMA

Founded in 1897, the MFMA is the only authoritative source of technical information about hard maple flooring. The association publishes grading standards, guide specifications, floor care recommendations and specifications for athletic flooring sealers and finishes available from MFMA headquarters or for download from the MFMA website.

Architects, contractors, school officials and maintenance personnel regularly consult the MFMA with questions about the specification, use and care of MFMA maple flooring. If you need assistance or information, please contact the MFMA via email at [mfma@maplefloor.org](mailto:mfma@maplefloor.org).

