



ROYOMARTIN LUMBER COMPANY PUTS THE ENVIRONMENT FIRST

As a leading forest products company in Louisiana with ownership of more than 570,000 acres of southern pine and hardwood timberland throughout the state, RoyOMartin Lumber Company, L.L.C. has made environmental management a top priority since they commenced operations in 1923.

Based in Alexandria, RoyOMartin is one of the largest independently owned timber companies in the south. With 1,200 employees working out of facilities in Chopin, Leola, Oakdale, and Pineville, as well as a plant in Monroeville, Alabama, the company continues to utilize and promote a variety of high-yield forestry programs which began in the 1950s. Their business model includes an environmental policy that is conducive to environmental stewardship through their sustainable forest management, regulatory compliance, wildlife conservation, and waste-reduction strategies.

Through forest sustainability, RoyOMartin annually replants seedlings after harvesting mature trees, with the idea that more should be planted than what was removed. Their organized planting, thinning, and harvesting methods re-establish forests quicker and more effectively than ever. As the trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, greenhouse gases are diminished, thereby promoting a healthy and viable forest environment.

In the course of their daily operations, RoyOMartin encourages environmental stewardship throughout all facilities. Most notably is an effort to reduce their reliance on natural gas by retrofitting natural gas-burning kilns into those that burn renewable fuels. One burner has been completed and a second conversion is underway at the facilities in Monroeville, Alabama. RoyOMartin's lumber mills are measured on their ability to use all renewable



RoyOMartin's plywood plant in Chopin, Louisiana



Forestry management operations underway at RoyOMartin

wood residuals, conserve all energy sources, and reduce their carbon footprint through sound production and supply business practices. Excess wood residuals are sold to other local firms to help them meet their renewable energy needs.

At each facility, reducing generated waste and preventing pollution is paramount. Such practices include recycling waste streams such as used oil, scrap metal, batteries, aluminum, paper, and cardboard; all of which have had a positive effect in conservation while reducing the company's purchasing and disposal fees. "Our environmental clean-up practices are managed to exceed state and federal regulations," said Roy O. Martin, company president. "The continual implementation of waste-reduction strategies has allowed us to minimize the amount of solid waste disposed off-site while maximizing the amount of waste that can be reused on-site. We cut costs and reduce waste at the same time."

Since 2002, RoyOMartin's timberlands have been certified by the Forest Stewardship Council as having ecologically and environmentally conscious management practices. As an example, in 2011, RoyOMartin foresters will plant 8.6 million seedlings across 19,000 acres in Louisiana.

The company also has a wildlife biologist on staff tasked with ensuring that their wildlife and habitat management practices are in compliance with guidelines set forth by the Louisiana Wildlife Federation, the Quality Deer Management Association, and the Black Bear Conservation Coalition. To that end, RoyOMartin exchanges endangered species data annually with the Louisiana Natural Heritage Program, and provides research funding for the Louisiana Black Bear Conservation Committee. In addition, the company owns nearly 16,000 acres in the West Bay State Wildlife Management Area in Allen Parish, which is free and open to the public for hunting, fishing, and recreation throughout the year through their co-operative partnership with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries.

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