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Keeping It Green

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Keeping It Local

Buying locally-made furniture is also better for the environment, eliminating pollution caused by transportation. Buying local has a more profound impact on the economy. Supporting local creates a ripple effect as fellow businesses in the area also benefit, from gift shops selling handcrafted items to timber merchants selling wood. Moreover, by buying locally, you can be certain of the working conditions the furniture is produced in. You can be certain that the piece you have bought was created with care by a maker passionate about their craft — as opposed to one made on a soulless and potentially dangerous factory line.

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