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## Tree Products

# Eaten Any Wood Today?

You may have! And you probably brushed your teeth with it. Chances are you even dressed with wood. Skeptical? Don't be. We're all familiar with forest products like lumber, furniture, and paper. But few of us realize how many different things we regularly use that are manufactured from trees. In fact, more than 5,000 wood and paper products make our lives better each day.

Here are just a few:

### Fruits and Nuts

Fruit from trees such as apples and peaches, as well as nuts from trees such as walnuts, are all favorite products grown on trees.

### Bandage Strips

Tree gum, sap extracted from trees, makes the adhesive on bandage strips stick to your skin.

### Baseball Bats

The white ash tree is a hardwood that is used to make baseball bats—including, of course, Kentucky's own Louisville Slugger!

### Candles

Tree gum can be used to make candles.

### Clothing

Cellulose is used to produce rayon and acetate, which can be used to make a vast array of clothing such as ties, shirts, dresses, and suits.

### Combs

Wood pulp and cellulose can be used to make plastics for items such as hair combs.

### Cough Syrup

Cellulose products, used for their even-flowing consistency, often thicken cough syrups and other liquid oral medicines.

### Crackers

Not only is the cracker box a product of trees, but the crackers themselves can be made using a high-purity cellulose.

### Crayons

Gum extracted from trees can help make crayons.

### Eyeglass Frames

Cellulose wood fibers are dissolved and can then be formed into molded articles like eyeglass frames.

### Football Helmets

Ethyl cellulose is responsible for making the hard, impact-resistant plastics found in football helmets.

### Gum

Gum and synthesized essential oils from trees can be used to make chewing gum.

**Ice Cream**

Ice cream can be made with cellulose, which comes from trees.

**Lipstick**

Cellulose can help give lipstick its easy-apply texture.

**Makeup**

Makeup sometimes gets its creamy texture from the tree derivative cellulose.

**Maple Syrup**

Sap from trees is used to make syrup.

**Milk Cartons**

Milk cartons can be made from pulpwood.

**Nail Polish**

Nail polish contains nitrocellulose to help make the polish glossy when it dries.

**Newspaper**

Pulpwood is used to make newspaper, wrapping paper, book paper, and wallpaper.

**Paint**

Methylcellulose, a product made from cellulose, gives paints their thick consistency.

**Parmesan Cheese**

Cellulose powder is sometimes used to help keep grated Parmesan cheese pieces from caking together.

**Pencils**

Tree logs are used to make pencils.

**Perfume**

Tree bark is used to make "tall oil," which cosmetic companies can use to make perfumes.

**Photo Film**

Logs are reduced to pulp, and the pulp is processed to create cellulose acetate chemicals that can be used to make photographic film.

**Shampoo**

Methylcellulose can be used to thicken shampoo and conditioner. Without it, they would just be soapy water!

**Sponges**

Cellulose is broken down into chemicals that can be used to make sponges.

**Tires**

Tree-produced chemicals can be used for making the synthetic rubber found in tires.

**Toilet Paper**

Wood pulp makes paper products such as toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, and facial tissue.

**Toothpaste**

Cellulose can be used in toothpaste to give it a paste-like consistency.

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