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*committed to the respectful,  
responsible use of nature's gifts*

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### **SURPRISINGLY, LEATHER IS THE ULTIMATE RECYCLED PRODUCT...**

A by-product of the meat industry, cows are NEVER bred to produce hides.

Hides would literally be wasting in our landfills if companies like Keelen Leathers were not continually finding ways to convert them into amazingly viable and useful materials.

The "circle of life" as far as leather is concerned is never ending. Leather is one of THE MOST sustainable materials, lasting a lifetime. Often a family heirloom, leather products can be used for years upon years. Old hides can also be ground up & sold to be made into an amazing array of new products for interiors & fashion alike.

Leather outlives fabric- in most cases about 7 times over. Alternate coverings, must be more frequently replaced and chemically cleaned, adding to the burden of disposal and environmental contamination.

Leather cleaning is amazingly earth friendly. Simple dusting is generally all that is needed, though on rare occasion water and a very mild soap might also be used. If it will harm the earth, it may harm your leather-don't use it.. another reason leather is so environmentally friendly.

### **KELEEN LEATHERS CARES...**

Our competition will tell you everything we just did. However once we move away from speaking about the leather itself it is up to each individual company to decide what environmental footprint they want to leave on this Earth.

The environment and concerns related to nature are not things we take lightly here at Keelen. We have a deep love for animals and nature, and an incredible respect for the Earth and its many gifts. The preservation of all of these things is very important to us, as we seek new ways to sustain the gentle balance of nature and the eco system.

**Keelen Leathers does not, nor will we ever, sell anything culled for its skin alone. Period. End of story.**

We are continually working with our tanneries, highly respected in the industry, to improve the leather tanning process so that it has a positive effect on the environment. Our partnerships are also being used to develop new collections of earth conscious leathers to bring to the marketplace.

All Keelen Leathers use only water based finishing materials when processing leather. The water used during tanning and dyeing is eventually collected, filtered, and purified. This water is tested daily. All leathers surpass all guidelines established by the worldwide EPA. Any finish applied tests well below allowable VOC's.

Our old samples and sample books are donated to design schools and design students who ask for them. Whether for libraries, projects or anything necessary we completely support those who are up and coming in the field. If you wish to be added to the donation list, please simply contact us..

All sampling & shipping materials are made from recycled materials and are ready to be recycled again.

Pieces such as this one let our clients know that we are aware of the environmental issues at hand and are doing the best we can to educate the public.. **because KL cares..**