California law requires the payment of a 1% assessment by anyone who purchases lumber products or engineered wood products for use in California. Because this retailer is not required to charge and collect the 1% assessment from you on your lumber purchase, you must pay the 1% assessment directly to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA).

What are lumber products or engineered wood products?

In general, these are building products used in construction that contain at least 10% wood. These include many solid wood products and engineered products like plywood and particleboard.

However, the assessment does not apply to products where labor has added significant value. Examples include furniture, paper, doors, tools, firewood, and more.

How do I pay the assessment?

Visit the CDTFA’s website at www.cdtfa.ca.gov, click the Register link, and click Register a New Business Activity or Location, then choose Login or Express Login.

On your small lumber purchase receipts, you can wait until net combined lumber purchases are $50 or more, before reporting and paying the assessment to the CDTFA.

How are the funds used?

The lumber products assessment supports the activities of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and helps protect California’s forests.

To learn more, please visit www.cdtfa.ca.gov/industry/lumber-products.htm or call the CDTFA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-400-7115 (TTY:711). Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific time), except state holidays.