

Wood vs. Steel & Plastic

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| Wood is a renewable raw material It is a highly energy efficient raw material with an insulating rating (Rrating) of 413 times of that of steel | It requires 9 times more energy to produce one steel stud compared to one wood stud Mining and producing steel consumes 4000 times more coal than wood Making steel releases 15 times more sulphur dioxide and 27 times more nitrous dioxide as wood Steel needs 25 times more water than wood to manufacture | Plastic is made from non-renewable petroleum products It is not biodegradable It's recycling is chemical intensive and costly |