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Thinking about building or renovating?

Then it's the right time to "green" your home. Any project, large or small, can be a step towards a greener, more environmentally friendly home.

Greening your new home or renovation plan

Professional builders and renovators know how to put it all together and how to integrate state-of-the-art technology in your new home or with the

existing structure of your home. Take advantage of their expertise to make your home easier on the environment and better for you and your family. When you are ready to start planning, your professional builder or renovator can guide you through your green choices, pointing out the features, costs and benefits that matter to you.

Three steps to "greening"

There are three important steps you and your professional builder or renovator need to work through when greening your project.

Increasing the energy and water efficiency of your home

Of all the green options, by far the most important is saving energy and water. This is because the decisions you make today will have a big impact on the environment, and your wallet, for many years to come.

TIP: You can get a home energy assessment from an independent certified home energy evaluator.

Ensuring clean indoor air

Building a new home or doing a renovation is the perfect opportunity to deal with your indoor living environment—to improve the quality of the air you breathe, and protect your family's health from molds, chemicals and other pollutants.

TIP: Professional builders or renovators know that the various parts of your home work together as a system to create a comfortable, durable, and energy-efficient living environment. "House as a system" thinking is important because changes you make to one part of your home can affect other parts.

Choosing resource-smart materials and products

Homeowners have a lot of options when it comes to choosing resource-smart products and new items are making it into the marketplace all the time.

TIP: When you are considering a product or material that claims to be "greener", the manufacturer should provide clear information supporting their green claim. Your professional can help you obtain this information.

There are lots of good reasons to think green when you are planning your home or making changes to your home. A green home helps to reduce your impact on the environment. It also means a better home — a healthier and more comfortable living space, lower monthly operating costs and increased value. A home to enjoy, a home to be proud of!

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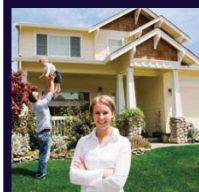


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