



Rebuilding "Green" Online Resources

Energy Star

Energy Star listed appliances are those certified as energy efficient by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Energy. Qualified appliances can be located at the following web site and priced at local stores such as Best Buy and Sears. Energy Star listed home envelope products, heating and cooling systems, and lighting fixtures are also listed on the site as well as a tool which provides home envelope and appliance recommendations for individual homes by zip code.

www.energystar.gov

Environmental Design and Construction

Web-based magazine featuring articles and resources on green construction including product information (requires free registration to access some features).

www.edcmag.com

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

EPA produces a Database of Environmental Information for Products and Services. This site provides a searchable database of materials and products, with specifications, standards and guidelines, and brand lists.

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/oppt/epstand2.nsf/Pages/Search.html?Open>

Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)

FEMP designated plumbing fixtures refers to faucets, showerheads, and toilets with low water flow rates. Fixtures and recommended flow rates can be located on the following site. Fixtures should be readily available in local stores.

www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/procurement/eepr_requirements.html

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

Forest Stewardship Certified Wood for millwork, ceilings, siding and framing is identified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). The FSC is a non-profit organization which encourages the responsible management of forests. FSC standards promote forestry that is environmentally responsible.

See the link below for assistance in locating suppliers. Products contain the FSC logo, which guarantees that the wood is from a certified well-managed forest. These products are available through local suppliers like Home Depot.

www.fscus.org/faqs/what_is_fsc.php

Greenbuilder.com Sourcebook

The Sourcebook presents specific and general recommendations for homes that can be considered environmentally friendly. Includes brief descriptions of green alternatives with information on availability, general acceptance, and some rough price comparisons.

www.greenbuilder.com/sourcebook

Green Building Resource Center

Provides information on "green" products and materials, including an introduction to what makes a product "green".

www.globalgreen.org/gbrc/whatmakesgreen.htm

Carpet and Rug Institute

Carpeting which has passed The Carpet and Rug Institute's standards has a "Green Label". Use this link to identify those products which improve indoor air quality and have a Seal of Approval.

www.carpet-rug.org



US Green Building Council (USGBC)

USGBC has an extensive web site and contains a tool to locate contractors, engineers, and architects who are LEED Accredited Professionals. This tool can be sorted by state and trade.

www.usgbc.org