

Water Wiser

<http://www.waterwiser.org>

- News, info, research results, discussion forums, references, calendar of events, and searchable databases
- Targeted to water conservation professionals, but freely accessible to the general public
- Links to Water Saver Home, a virtual encyclopedia of water saving tips for indoor and outdoor uses: <http://www.h2ouse.net>

EPA Water Efficiency Program

<http://www.epa.gov/owm/water-efficiency>

- Extensive info and resources on how to use water more efficiently
- Applicable to all water users from homeowners to governments

EPA Indoor Air Quality

<http://www.epa.gov/iaq>

- Extensive information and resources on indoor air quality
- IAQ INFO: hotline to help locate the appropriate information: 800-438-4318

American Lung Association Health House

<http://www.healthhouse.org>

- For Consumers: Information on IAQ concerns and tip sheets to help identify and reduce pollutants in the home
- For Builders: guidelines and Registered House Builder training for building homes with better IAQ

OTHER USEFUL WEB LINKS:

Environment California's Support of the "Million Solar Roofs" Program:

<http://www.environmentcalifornia.org/envirocalifenergy.asp?id2=13122>

California Energy Commission, Solar Tax Credits:

http://www.consumerenergycenter.org/renewable/tax_credit

California Energy Commission:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov>

EXAMPLES OF GREEN BUILDINGS:

There are several building examples of green construction in the Los Altos vicinity: at the Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve at Stanford University, at Hidden Villa Farm in Los Altos Hills, and the Town of Los Altos Hill Town Hall.

Jasper Ridge:

<http://jasper1.stanford.edu>

Hidden Villa:

<http://www.hiddenvilla.org>

Los Altos Hills Town Hall:

<http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov>

City of Los Altos

1 N. San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022
650-947-2700

The Los Altos Green Building Resources is available online at

<http://www.ci.los-altos.ca.us>



LOS ALTOS GREEN BUILDING RESOURCES

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WHAT IS GREEN BUILDING?

Green building is a “Whole-Systems” approach for designing and constructing buildings that conserve energy, water, and material resources and are often healthier, safer, and more comfortable to live in.

In practical terms, green building includes:

- Using sun, wind and landscape to the building’s advantage for natural heating, cooling, & daylighting
- Landscaping with native plants & using water efficiently
- Building quality, durable structures
- Insulating well & ventilating appropriately
- Incorporating salvaged, recycled, & sustainably harvested materials
- Maintaining healthy indoor air quality with appropriate building techniques & materials
- Using energy-efficient & water-saving appliances & fixtures
- Reducing & recycling construction waste

To encourage green building the City of Los Altos assembled the following list of agencies and resources to provide useful background information for green construction. However, these resources are not affiliated with the City of Los Altos and the City is not responsible for their content.

LEARN MORE ABOUT GREEN BUILDING

Build it Green

<http://www.builditgreen.org>

A professional non-profit organization whose mission is to transform the building industry, so more buildings are remodeled and built using green practices and products.

- Continuing education and networking for public agencies, non-profits, and building professionals
- Listing of certified green architects and building contractors
- Materials Database: extensive listing of green products, materials, and technologies available in the Bay Area.
- Fact sheets, referrals, case studies, and events listings.
- Green Home Tours, workshops, and presentations

Build it Green – Ask An Expert

<http://www.builditgreen.org/askanexpert.cfm>

The Ask an Expert program provides customized responses to a variety of green building questions for building professionals and the general public.

- Serves the general public, building professionals, local governments, and building suppliers in the 9-county bay area
- Provides practical, unbiased, quality green building information

Submit a Green Building Question online at the link above or call **1-888-40 GREEN**.

Build Green Now

<http://www.buildgreennow.org>

- Green building resources for the general public, design and building professionals, and public agencies
- Green Building Guidelines for renovations and new construction that have been adopted by or serve as the basis for many green building programs in the San Francisco Bay Area

Recycle Works

<http://www.recycleworks.org>

- Sustainability and waste management resources
- Green building guidelines for San Mateo county
- Listing of green building materials in San Mateo county

United States Green Building Council (USGBC)

<http://www.usgbc.org>

- Extensive collection of green building resources: market research, publications, presentations, and links to additional resources
- LEED® Rating System info: case studies, training, certification, workshops

Flex Your Power

<http://www.fypower.org>

- Energy efficiency and conservation info for California residents, business, industry, local governments, schools, and agriculture
- Incentives/rebates, technical assistance, retailers, product guides, case studies and more

Energy Star

<http://www.energystar.gov>

- Info on energy efficient buildings, appliances and equipment
- ENERGY STAR appliances and building strategies often qualify for rebates

DOE Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Building Technologies Program

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings>

- Support for R&D activities to improve the energy efficiency of buildings
- Tools, guidelines, training, and access to technical and financial resources