

“SANDALWOOD CONSTRUCTION 2009 GREEN SPECIFICATIONS”



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Sandalwood homes have been energy efficient for over 25 years! Every home is built to be “green”.

“Green” is definitely the buzzword for modern construction even though the general principles of “green” thinking have been around for years and have been incorporated into fine home building from the beginning. To better acquaint our clients with the “new green” we have provided a detailed manual to provide common sense & practical green application guidelines. Since the growing concern for being eco friendly and all the talk about “carbon” footprint is constantly in the headlines, we need to be aware of what we can do as builders, remodelers, designers & consumers to implement “green”

concepts and products into our homes. Being that every decision made throughout the course of a new home or a simple remodel can implement “green” thinking, we should embrace the new ideas & concepts wherever possible. This mainstream initiative will ultimately reduce harmful carbon emissions, help homeowners save valuable energy costs and generally help our communities, country & world to be a better place to live.

From the beginning of every project, lot planning, clearing & excavation, decisions are made to reduce erosion, maintain vegetation, and utilize wind & sun for maximum exposure. Making use of the natural resources that are indigenous to every region add to the home’s ability to qualify for “green” credits and eventually even tax credits .

Design guidelines are an-

other way to reduce building costs and add to the efforts to create a better home, not just in basic traffic flow but also in structural planning, use of materials that are composite, engineered components, weatherproofing materials and energy efficient windows & doors (and where they are placed). Certainly, every little decision adds to this overall “green” thinking concept. Products you buy, bathroom fans, kitchen stove vents, carpet underlayment, etc. are just a few examples of areas that can add to your credits as well as landscaping techniques and even the impervious materials for parking that you select all are contributing factors. All in all, the “green” initiative is working and an exciting new era of building & design is emerging. Innovations are literally exploding on the marketplace as we go “green” for our future’s sake.



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- SANDALWOOD’S STANDARD GREEN SPECS
- DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR AN ECO FRIENDLY HOME
- NAHB NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION, BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD
- PRODUCTS THAT WORK!
- HOME ANALYSIS & CONSULTATION
- GO GREEN!

“Common “Green” Sense & Practical Living Concepts”

Practical “green” applications can be taken for every home and can be as simple as buying energy efficient light bulbs or just changing the bathroom vent fans, or even better for air to air heat pump systems, install a better air filter. Other simple “green” steps can be upgraded insulation, storm

doors, rain gutters that distribute rain water properly and even re-use the water for irrigation or other. Recycling in every way, purchased products, building materials, etc. is an easy way to help. In fact, once you begin to think “green”, you can find countless ways to make better use of every

day items. Look for “energy efficient” ratings on all your purchases. Develop landscape plans that keep lot management efficient. Utilize window shades as necessary, build covered porch entries, extend roof overhangs, and buying paint that has good ratings are all common sense ways to add value & “green”.

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