



- **Save energy**
- **Save money**
- **Protect the environment**

Create a healthier living space for you and your family by using products that are sustainable, renewable, non-toxic, durable, and help to protect the environment. While up-front costs may be higher, after a few years these products will save you time and money on maintenance and energy bills. Ask your builder or remodeling contractor to include these appliances, fixtures and finishes in your new home.

LANDSCAPING

Downspouts that flow to rain gardens, native drought resistant plantings, pervious paving blocks for sidewalks and driveways; Trees planted to shade house in the summer and let in sun during the winter.

SIDING

Masonry or siding made of fiber cement, wood composite, recycled content or metal.

WINDOWS

Energy Star rated thermal double-glazed windows with a Low-E value.

PAINT

Non-toxic (IAQ) materials and low- or non-VOC paints, finishes and adhesives.

ROOF

40 to 50 year rated roof made of asphalt, concrete, slate, clay, composition, metal, rubber or fiberglass. Flat roofs may hold a planted "green" roof.

SKYLIGHTS

Add natural light to your house. Skylights that open allow natural ventilation and cooling.

HEATING AND COOLING

High-efficiency furnace, air conditioner, heat pump or geo-thermal heating and cooling; tankless water heaters; programmable thermostats.

LIGHT FIXTURES

Dimmable compact fluorescent or LED light fixtures with dimmers, motion sensors, and timers.

PLUMBING

Dual-flush toilets, laminar-flow or low-flow faucets and showerheads.

FLOORING

Recycled wood, rubber, concrete, high recycled-content carpeting and pads, bamboo, cork, natural linoleum.

DOORS, CABINETRY AND TRIM

FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified wood and wood products like MDF that are formaldehyde-free.

APPLIANCES

Highest efficiency Energy Star-rated refrigerators, dishwashers, stoves, dryers and front-loading washers.

GREEN RESOURCES IN WISCONSIN

■ www.UrbanEcologyCenter.org

Located in Riverside Park on the Milwaukee River, The Urban Ecology Center has a knowledgeable staff and a library with displays of green products for the home.

■ www.FocusOnEnergy.com

Information on Energy Star products and appliances, as well as incentive and cash-back reward programs.

■ www.GreenBuiltHome.org

Extensive information on green building and remodeling for the builder and homeowner.

■ www.MMSD.com/raingardens

Information and resources from the Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District on landscaping with native plants and raingardens to manage stormwater and protect Wisconsin's water resources.

■ www.WGBA.org

The Wisconsin Green Building Alliance has listings of green builders, projects and educational resources.



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