



The Building Industry Institute, California Building Industry Association, CBIA builder members, local governments, state and federal organizations, environmental groups and local building organizations developed the California Green Builder Program. The Program sets goals for significant improvements in energy efficiency, water and wood conservation, advanced ventilation, and waste diversion.



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Building for Our Future

Conserving Resources,
Preserving the
Environment, and
Measuring the Impact

The Benefits

The California Green Builder program is a win-win program. It was conceived to encourage builders to build large numbers of cost-effective, green homes that benefit the entire community. If you care about the environment and want to make good choices that impact your future and your children's future, a California Green Builder home is your best choice. Building with less impact on our surroundings, with a kinder eye toward our natural resources, and enjoying a fair rate of return are all good reasons to "go green". Buyers of California Green Builder homes benefit now, and in the future, from standard features in their homes.



Homeowner Benefits

Most homeowners want affordable housing that has reduced environmental impact. Homeowners also want good value in their homes. California Green Builder homes offer these benefits plus substantial energy and water cost savings over time. Buying a California Green Builder home:

- Improves your indoor comfort level
- Reduces dust, pollen, and other pollutants
- Saves money on utility bills
- Conserves natural resources, such as wood and water
- Lessens the impact on local landfills
- Produces a feeling of satisfaction at having done something good for the environment



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The Components

Higher Energy Efficiency Standards

California Green Builder homes exceed strict California Energy codes by 15% and are inspected by California Energy Commission (CEC) certified 3rd party inspectors.

Water Conservation

California Green Builder homes use at least 20,000 gallons less water per year than similar "non-green" homes.

Wood Conservation

California Green Builder homes use wood from managed forests that harvest timber at a rate that can be permanently sustained, while leaving the environment intact, enhanced, or restored. The homes also use engineered wood, which minimizes wood waste.

Advanced Ventilation

California Green Builder homes ensure comfort by using engineered heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems, tight ducts, superior insulation and spectrally selective window glass.

Waste Diversion

The California Green Builder program requires that at least 50% of waste generated while the house is being built, is diverted from local landfills.