



Green Building Websites

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- <http://www.gggc.state.pa.us/GreenBldg/greenhom.htm>
Green Buildings- Pennsylvania. There are many links to other green building websites and there is a description of PA's first green facility.
- <http://www.usgbc.org/>
United States Green Building Council. An association of businesses and organizations (non-profit) that promotes the understanding, development, and accelerated implementation of green building. Administers **LEED™**, a self-assessing system designed for rating new and existing commercial, institutional, and high-rise residential buildings. It evaluates environmental performance from a "whole building" perspective over a building's life cycle, providing a definitive standard for what constitutes a green building.
- <http://www.worldbuild.com/index.htm>
World Build: The Green Building Consortium. Specializes in green building content. Purchasing agent and a resource for organizations and professionals that are demanding increased levels of building and product performance.
- <http://www.recycle.net/ncra/GBCHome.htm>
Carolinas Green Building Council. (Formerly North Carolina Green Building Council.) Contains *Green Building Products Directory* (A guide to finding green building products in North Carolina and throughout the nation. Divided in to building products categories.)
- www.bfrl.nist.gov/oae/bees.html
BEES: Building for Environmental and Economic Sustainability. Free download of BEES 2.0 software, to select "environmentally preferable" products.
- www.state.sc.us/energy
South Carolina Energy Office. News and information related to energy conservation in South Carolina.
- <http://solstice.crest.org/sustainable/greenclips-info.html>
Greenclips. GreenClips is a summary of news on sustainable building design and related government and business issues published every two weeks by architectural researcher and environmental consultant Chris Hammer of Sustainable Design Resources.
- <http://www.pnl.gov/doesustainabledesign/>
Department of Energy's (DOE's) Complex-Wide Sustainable Design Program. Contains information on the DOE's Pollution Prevention Design Project and how it is applied to design projects.

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- <http://www.ecoiq.com/onlineresources/>
The EcoGateway (Your Guide to Sustainability Online). Contains links to more than 5,000 websites and pages relating to sustainability.
- <http://www.eren.doe.gov/>
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Network (EREN) homepage (Department of Energy). A comprehensive resource for the Dept. of Energy's information on efficient and renewable energy. Provides access to over 600 links and 80,000 documents.
- <http://www.buildinggreen.com>
Environmental Building News- The Leading Newsletter on Environmentally Responsible Design and Construction (Your Guide to Green Building). Contains articles, reviews, and news stories on energy-efficient, resource-efficient, and healthy building practices.
- <http://www.greendesign.net/>
Green Building Resource Center- Green Design Network. Newsletters, publications, regional resource directories. Contains a searchable database.
- <http://minerva.acc.virginia.edu/~sustain/>
The Institute for Sustainable Design: University of Virginia. "Created to 'render viable' alternatives to conventional design and practice in human production."
- <http://oikos.com>
Oikos: Green Building Source. An extensive index of green building products and companies.
- <http://greenbuilding.ca/>
Green Building Information Council. A Canadian organization that promotes energy-efficient and resource-efficient buildings. Contains news, events, and links to related websites.
- <http://www.greenconcepts.com>
Green Building Concepts. Contains tools to build more energy and resource-efficient homes. Green living, building hints, product tips.
- <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/greenbuilder/>
Austin Energy's Green Building Program. Know for expertise in "green" residential and commercial construction. Current events, programs, publications.
- <http://www.sustainable.doe.gov/>
Smart Communities Network
Topics in sustainability: overview, green buildings, green development, land use planning, municipal energy, etc. Contains top sustainability websites, a resource database, and success stories.

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- <http://www.greenguide.com>
Green Building Resource Guide. A database of more than 600 green building materials and products. Products selected for usefulness to design and green building professionals, rather than just for green material content.
- <http://nrg-builder.com/>
Building Environmental Science and Technology (B.E.S.T). Resource guides to green building, resource efficiency and sustainability. Consulting services can assist individuals/companies to implement innovative, cost-efficient, and green building practices. Provides tips for reducing energy use in the home.
- <http://www.nas.com/~greenway/>
Greenway. Dedicated to producing viable products from landfill materials (megaplast) to slow the deforestation process and decrease the amount of materials in landfills.
- <http://www.greenbuilder.com/SBC/>
The Sustainable Building Coalition- Austin, TX. A network of individuals interested in sustainable and ecological building, design and development.
- <http://www.greenbuilder.com/>
Sustainable Sources. A search guide for communal living, green building companies, and environmental organizations. Topics: sustainable building, green real estate listings, green building professionals directory, sustainable sources bookstore, other environmental and related websites, articles: sustainability and spirituality, catalogs and commercial sites, and conferences.
- <http://www.gdrc.org/uem/>
The Global Development Research Center: The Virtual Library on Urban Environmental Management. A guide to sustainable urban planning- green building, sprawl, waste management.
- <http://www.crbt.org/>
Center for Resourceful Building Technology (CRBT)- a project of the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT). Promotes environmentally friendly building practices through research education, and demonstration. Encourages building technologies that take into consideration a sustainable and efficient use of resources.
- <http://www.gbapgh.org/>
Green Building Alliance. A non-profit organization that educates the development community on benefits and techniques of green building.
- <http://www.eeba.org>

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Energy Efficient Building Association. Promotes awareness, education, and development of green buildings and communities.

- <http://www.auschron.com/issues/spec/greenbuild/>
Austin Chronicle's Green Building Guide.
- <http://www.ilovethisplace.com/wwwboard/building>
EcoChoices Green Building Forum. Brings people together who are interested in the green building industry. Ask and answer questions.
- <http://www.buildingforhealth.com>
Building for Health Materials Center (central supplier for healthy and environmentally friendly building products) and **CRG Design- Designs for Living** (provides many services including consulting for green and healthier residential and commercial projects).
- <http://www.greenroofs.com/>
Greenroofs.com. Explores ecology of organic greenroof architecture. Promotes greenroof interest and development, details reduction in greenhouse gasses achieved through plantings on roofs of industrial and commercial buildings.