



BUILT GREEN™ Maximizing Your Investment

Home Builders Association of Kitsap County

Offering over 120 powerful ways to protect you and your environment.

BUILT GREEN is a network of architects, builders, subcontractors, suppliers, and real estate agents working together to improve your quality of life by providing quality homes that are cost effective to own and operate, protect your family's health and well being, and help preserve our beautiful Pacific Northwest environment.

This series of three fact sheets is intended to give a glimpse of the benefits of the 85 program features incorporated into the BUILT GREEN program.

Look for the Logo
Builders, architects, lending institutions, real estate brokers, and suppliers participating in the BUILT GREEN program display the logo in their advertising. Look for it to make sure you benefit from this national award-winning program.

Long-Lasting Quality and Value...For Your Family

With a BUILT GREEN home, you'll get more home for your money. Why? Because it's designed to last longer, requires less maintenance on your part, and uses less resources to operate. Not only that, every BUILT GREEN home must have a job-site recycling plan. That and careful waste reduction techniques mean more materials end up in your home, not in the dumpster. You and your family will enjoy:

✓Higher Quality Product

BUILT GREEN Homes are designed with materials selected for their durability, performance, and cost. You can rest easy knowing that the biggest investment you'll ever make is not only environmentally sound, but a good use of your dollar.

✓Reduced Maintenance

The more durable interior and exterior products recommended through the BUILT GREEN Program mean you'll spend less weekend time taking care of your house, and more time enjoying it.

✓Lower Operating Costs

More efficient appliances use less water and energy. Native vegetation requires less water, pesticides, and fertilizer to maintain. In addition to protecting valuable resources for your children's future, these BUILT GREEN features can improve your operating budget.

✓Higher Market Value

With the price of housing increasing every year, smart shoppers will be looking for ways to keep their monthly expenses down. If you decide to put your BUILT GREEN home on the market, you'll be able to offer higher quality for less monthly outlay.

Quality Options Offered Through the BUILT GREEN Program

BUILT GREEN homes are better homes. Each of the 85 program options is designed to improve the value of your home, protect your family's health, and protect the environment too. These options may include:

- Low-Impact Site Planning and Development
- Preservation of Native Vegetation
- Judicious Use of Materials and Job-Site Recycling
- More Durable Exterior Shell
- Longer Lasting Finishes
- Stronger, Engineered Wood Product Materials
- Recycled-Content Plastic Lumber for Outdoor Use
- Recycled-Content Ceramic Tile
- Solid Wood or Ceramic Tile Floors
- Improved Quality HVAC Equipment
- Low Maintenance Landscaping
- Energy and Water Efficient Appliances
- Homeowners' Starter Kit



Case Study: Maximizing Your Investment



This major remodel designed by Atelier Northwest included seven additions and replacement of two-thirds of the roof and featured many options included in the BUILT GREEN program. Nearly 85% of the original structure was reused, salvaged, or recycled rather than disposed. For example, instead of replacing the almost new oil furnace (which had a 90% efficiency rating) it was retained. A slightly damaged oak floor “discovered” under carpeting, was repaired and protected during the remodel. Original plants were retained during the landscaping makeover. In addition, energy efficiency upgrades included extra insulation and low-e windows with argon. The owner was also looking for lower maintenance and greater durability so the contractor opted for top-of-the-line exterior paint, a 30-year pressure-treated roof, and wood framed windows with aluminum facing.

BUILT GREEN Homeowner Tips:

Some ways to protect your investment in a BUILT GREEN home:

- When remodeling, make sure your remodeling contractor uses the BUILT GREEN program.
- Regularly maintain your heating and ventilation system per manufacturer’s recommendations.
- Clean and maintain your home using low or non-toxic alternatives.
- When landscaping, use native vegetation rather than exotics.
- Use the best quality product you can afford when replacing or repairing a building component in your home.
- Use longer lasting finishes when altering your exterior.
- Use non- or low-toxic paints or varnishes when touching up your interior.
- For more ideas, consult the certification checklist that was used to qualify your BUILT GREEN home.

For More Information visit the HBA’s website at www.KitsapHBA.com

More About BUILT GREEN

BUILT GREEN is a program of the Home Builders Association of Kitsap County that promotes the use of environmentally friendly features in new and remodeled homes. Funding for program development and implementation was provided through a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology administered by Kitsap County Public Works. Homes enrolled in the program are rated by the Association based on the number of BUILT GREEN features included in the home. Construction projects meeting program standards are awarded a 1-, 2-, or 3-star rating certificate. A 3-star rating is the highest level of achievement.

For more information: Call the Home Builders Association of Kitsap County at 360-479-5778 or visit www.KitsapHBA.com to request a brochure describing the program overall, as well as a list of participating members. If you’ve already selected a builder, let them know you’d like to use the BUILT GREEN program’s 120 program features to help plan the home of your dreams.



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