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Green Remodeling Resources

Home Remodeling Green Building Guidelines, Alameda County

<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp?page=488>

Designed for professional contractors and homeowners, the guidelines include cost effective strategies to build and renovate healthy, resource efficient homes.

Consumers, Alliance to Save Energy

<http://www.ase.org/section/audience/consumers/>

This website offers consumers information about how to save money, increase comfort, and reduce pollution through increased energy efficiency.

Boulder Green Building Guild

<http://bgbg.org/resources.php>

The Boulder Green Building Guild (BGBG) is an association of building professionals dedicated to promoting healthier, resource-efficient homes and work places. Their website includes a comprehensive list of online resources broken down by topic.

Fact Sheets, Build It Green

<http://www.buildinggreen.com/index.cfm>

This San Francisco based group has consolidated a wide range of introductory fact sheets about green materials and design strategies.

Building America, US Department of Energy

http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/building_america/

Building America is a private/public partnership that develops energy solutions for new and existing homes. The website includes a range of technical and popular resources about green design and remodeling.

Case Studies, Building America, US Department of Energy

http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/building_america/cfm/project_locations.cfm

This website provides a searchable database of the Building America projects nationwide. As of December 2006, there were 15 projects in Massachusetts.



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Strategies for Energy-Efficient Remodeling: SEER 2003 Case Study Report, Building America, US Department of Energy

<http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy05osti/36474.pdf>

This technical report uses several case studies to explore wall, ceiling and basement insulation, energy efficient windows and doors, air sealing, lights and appliances among other topics.

Home Improvement, Energy Star, US Department of Energy and US EPA

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=home_improvement.hm_improvement_index

This website outlines how you can use Energy Star to make your home more energy-efficient.

A Consumer's Guide to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, US Department of Energy

http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/your_home/

http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/your_home/designing_remodeling/index.cfm/mytopic=10080

This website offers a wealth of information about how to save energy in your home and apartment. It includes a section on Design and Remodeling.

Energy Savers: Tips on Saving Energy & Money at Home, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, US Department of Energy

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips/pdfs/energy_savers.pdf

This comprehensive guidebook has information about home energy audits, insulation and sealing air leaks, heating and cooling, water heating, windows, lighting, appliances and electronics, driving and car maintenance, and renewable energy.

A Do-It-Yourself Guide to Energy Star Home Sealing, Energy Star, US Department of Energy and US EPA

http://www.energystar.gov/ia/home_improvement/home_sealing/DIY_COLOR_100_dpi.pdf

This comprehensive guide is designed for homeowners to learn how to: 1) learn how to find and seal home air leaks, 2) determine if your attic insulation is adequate and learn how to add more, 3) make sure your improvements are done safely, and 4) reduce energy bills and protect the environment.



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Air Seal and Insulate with Energy Star Home Sealing, Energy Star, US Department of Energy and US EPA

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=home_sealing.hm_improvement_sealing

This website offers an in-depth guide to improving energy efficiency by sealing leaks and ducts, and adding insulation to your home.

Green Home Remodeling Guide, Office of Sustainable Development, City of Portland, Oregon

<http://www.portlandonline.com/osd/index.cfm?c=42168&a=121801>

This guide includes numerous strategies and technologies that homeowners and renters can employ when remodeling their residence. It focuses on: saving energy and water, using renewable energy, protecting rainwater and streams from pollution, recycling and reusing construction materials, selecting low-impact materials, improving indoor air quality and reducing maintenance.

Green Home Remodeling Guides, Department of Planning and Development, City of Seattle, Washington

<http://seattle.gov/dpd/GreenBuilding/SingleFamilyResidential/Resources/RemodelingGuides/default.asp>

This website has 8 remodeling guides designed for homeowners and renters to learn about ways to make their residences more resource efficient and healthy. They have separate guidebooks for bathrooms, kitchens, painting, landscaping, roofing and hiring a professional, among others.

Books:

Green Remodeling for the not-so Green House: Bringing Your Home into Harmony with Nature. Carol Venolia and Kelly Lerner

Green Building Products: GreenSpec Guide to Residential Building Materials. Alex Wilson, Mark Piepkorn and Susan Susanka

Your Green Home: A Guide to Planning a Healthy, Environmentally Friendly New Home. Alex Wilson

The Green Home Handbook: A Guide to Safe and Healthy Living in a Toxic World. Gillian Martlew, Shelley Silver

The New Ecological Home: A Complete Guide to Green Building Options. Dan Chiras

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