



BuiltGreen™
BRITISH COLUMBIA

BUILDING HEALTHIER HOMES FOR FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY

BUILT GREEN™ is moving the home building industry forward in producing quality homes and enhancing healthy living. These benefits extend beyond the walls of your new home. Built Green™ is helping to ensure that these benefits are available to all homebuyers who purchase a home that meets Built Green™ standards. By choosing energy efficient options you'll be making a choice to help protect our environment for the future as well as make a difference to your bank account today.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY. As energy costs take a noticeable chunk out of homeowner budgets, using energy wisely is being widely promoted. We also need to be aware of the source of our electricity. Next to a mortgage, energy costs are the most significant household expenditure. Products like the hot water tank insulating blanket contribute to a more energy-efficient home that offers lower energy costs.

COMFORT. A less drafty home with improved ventilation increases the homeowners control of humidity and temperature. Appropriate design and orientation can take advantage of the sun's warmth in the winter and reduce the sun's impact in the summer.

WATER EFFICIENCY. Given past drought conditions experienced almost everywhere in Canada, water is becoming a precious resource. Installing water conserving fixtures such as low-flow toilets and Energy Star dishwashers can significantly reduce the amount of water a household consumes. Planting a water-wise landscape also reduces the water demand and requires less maintenance while still adding beauty to your home.

HEALTHIER INDOOR AIR. Tightening a home to make it more energy efficient without adequately addressing the ventilation can create health problems. Built Green™ encourages the use of combustion appliances that are sealed and interior building materials that reduce indoor air pollution. Low VOC wall paint also adds to the improvement of air-quality

DURABILITY AND LESS MAINTENANCE. Built Green™ encourages the use of building materials that are more durable both inside and outside the home. This reduces maintenance and replacement costs.

GLOBAL BENEFITS. Building a Built Green™ home results in some direct benefits to the owners but there are also benefits to the community and the environment in general. For example, the use of local materials is encouraged, thereby reducing transportation costs and stimulating the local economy. Also, focusing on choosing materials and products made from recycled content reduces the need and energy to extract new materials. They are resource efficient and produce less waste than typical products and usually have a long life-cycle, requiring less maintenance.

BUILT GREEN™ homes just make sense. For the building industry to sustain itself, increasingly more efficient and creative ways to build homes without sacrificing the environment and quality of life must be achieved.

A BUILT GREEN™ HOME IS A SUPERIOR PRODUCT! DUE TO ALL OF THE BENEFITS LISTED ABOVE, THEY KEEP THEIR RESALE VALUE, SAVE MONEY ON UTILITY BILLS, PROVIDE BETTER INDOOR AIR QUALITY AND GIVE HOMEOWNERS AND THEIR FAMILIES A SENSE OF PRIDE AND WELL-BEING IN KNOWING THAT THEIR HOME HAS A REDUCED IMPACT ON OUR ENVIRONMENT.