

INCENTIVES TO BUILD GREEN

If you do major renovations to your home, your project may qualify for green-certification. If you decide to go this route, certification brings with it certain benefits such as increased home value, and peace of mind by receiving a 3rd party validation that your home is performing as designed. Additionally, the City of Dunedin offers the following incentives:

- ◆ Permit fee rebates for specified certification levels, as outlined below:
 - Certified/Bronze, rebates of 25%
 - Silver, rebates of 50%
 - Gold, rebates of 75%
 - Platinum, rebates of 100%
- ◆ Fast track permitting
- ◆ Recognition at a City Commission meeting, on our website, and banners for your home

The typical household spends about \$2,150 a year on residential energy bills

Green homes typically use 30% - 60% less energy than a non-green home

GREEN CERTIFYING AGENCIES

Researchers found that between 2007 – early 2012, the value of homes...with a green certification label was an average of 9% higher than comparable, non-certified homes

The following certifying agencies offer certification for new homes, home renovations and remodeling:

Rating Systems:

- ◆ **LEED** (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for (new) Homes
<http://www.usgbc.org/leed>
- ◆ **FGBC** (Florida Green Building Coalition) for (new) Homes
<http://floridagreenbuilding.org/homes>
- ◆ **NGBS** (ICC 700 National Green Building Standard™) Green Home Remodeling Project Certification
<http://www.homeinnovation.com>
- ◆ **EarthCraft Programs**—Renovation
<http://www.earthcraft.org/renovation>



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Why green?



BUILDING GREEN

Green building focuses on the efficient use of resources including energy, water and materials. Homes that utilize green strategies will better protect your health, while lowering your monthly bills and reducing impacts on the natural environment.

Benefits to the home owner:

- ◆ Lower electric bills
- ◆ Lower water bills
- ◆ Healthy indoor air quality
- ◆ Increased home value
- ◆ Long-term savings — as electricity and water rates increase, you save more money over time

Benefits to the community:

- ◆ Conservation of water resources
- ◆ Management of waste and stormwater
- ◆ Maintain affordable and reliable energy resources

GREEN RENOVATION STRATEGIES

- ◇ Change out windows for *double-pane*, heat-resistant (*Low-E*) glass coated windows (the double-pane insulates, while the low-e reduces heat absorption from the sun)*
- ◇ For a frame construction home, add foam insulation inside your walls*
- ◇ Add insulation to your attic
- ◇ If you need to replace your roof, use light colored shingles*
- ◇ Make sure your dishwasher and refrigerator are energy star, and don't keep a refrigerator or freezer in the garage
- ◇ Have your AC ducts checked for leaks; if it is old, consider replacing your AC*
- ◇ Use energy-efficient electronics, and unplug all electrical devices when not in use
- ◇ Keep your thermostat at 78 degrees during the hotter months
- ◇ Make sure you have no water leaks, and install low flow aerators in your sink and shower faucets (very simple and inexpensive, without compromising water pressure)



*requires a permit

GREEN STRATEGIES (CONTINUED)

- ◇ If you need to replace toilets, get low or ultra-low flow toilets [low flow toilets use 1.6 or less gallons per flush (gpf); older toilets use 3.5 to 7 gpf]; composting toilets are another option for those who want to be very green*
- ◇ Make sure your washing machine is energy star, wash only full loads of laundry, and use cold water as often as possible
- ◇ Change light bulbs to efficient CFLs (compact fluorescent lamp) or even more efficient LEDs (light emitting diode)
- ◇ If you are landscaping, minimize turf and use Florida-friendly, drought tolerant plants so that you do not have to irrigate; if you do irrigate, use reclaimed water* (except for vegetable gardens), or install rain barrels under your gutters to use for watering
- ◇ Consider solar panels and a solar or tankless hot water heater*

*requires a permit

