

Mission: To provide homeowners the information, guidance and incentive to implement upgrades to home and property that will save energy and water while enhancing indoor air quality.



Achieve a StepUp2Green Award

"Sage Award" = All Essential Items + 2 from each Selection Group

"Jade Award" = All Essential Items + 3 from each Selection Group

"Emerald Award" = All Essential Items + 4 from each Selection Group

ESSENTIAL ITEMS (required for all levels)

- ☐ If painting interiors, choose zero or low VOC (0-50) paints for healthier air quality.
- ☐ All central heating AND/OR cooling thermostats must be ENERGY STAR labeled, programmable (setback-type) and programmed.
- ☐ 75% or more of lighting must be LED (recommended), fluorescent, or low-voltage indoor/outdoor. One fixture must be LED.
- ☐ Weather-stripping on all exterior doors (including house to garage); caulk infiltration points using low or zero VOC caulk.
- ☐ Low flow showerheads (2.2 gallons per minute (gpm) or less), sink aerators (1.5 gpm max.) and garden hoses with shut-off nozzles. Fix all water leaks and document (many water providers will perform this leak check for no cost and will document the results).
- ☐ Equip kitchen with 2A 10B:C fire extinguisher and carbon monoxide alarm; smoke alarms to be in all bedrooms and hallways and (min.) one on each level, including basement.

SELECTION GROUPS



ENERGY SAVINGS

- ☐ **Lighting**¹ Motion detectors AND/OR LED on all outdoor fixtures and in entryways and bathrooms.
- ☐ **Skylights**^{1,2} 2 or more Tubular Daylighting Devices, if purchasing choose double-pane (min) and ENERGY STAR labeled.
- ☐ **Ceiling or Roof insulation** R-30 of combined ceiling or roof insulation. If adding insulation use spray-foam, recycled denim, cellulose, if replacing roof choose R-11.
- ☐ **Furnace**² 90% (min) AFUE natural gas or propane. If purchasing choose ENERGY STAR labeled 95% (min) AFUE. Clean filter installed and 5 replacement filters on hand.
- ☐ **Windows**¹ Double-pane (min) for at least 90% of all windows and glass doors.
- ☐ **Air Conditioning** No Air Conditioning OR if central AC is installed, replace with one (max) single room ENERGY STAR labeled unit with built in timer.
- ☐ **Swimming Pool**¹ Solar thermal heating panels totaling (min) 75% of pool surface area AND hot tub requires insulated cover.
- ☐ **Solar Thermal**^{1,2} 60 sq. ft. (min) 2 panel system for domestic hot water.
 - ☐ **BONUS:** 90 sq. ft. (min) system.
- ☐ **Renewable Energy**^{1,2} 1.25 KW or larger Photovoltaic or wind energy system
 - ☐ **BONUS:** 2.5 KW or larger system
- ☐ **Approved Other**^{1,2} Fuel cell combo heat and power, or other approved renewable energy, heatpump or geothermal heatpump.



WATER SAVINGS

- ☐ **Bathrooms** All toilets must be (max) 1.6 gallons per flush (gpf) AND at least one toilet must be dual flush or high efficiency (max 1.28 gpf). All showerheads must be (max) 1.75 gpm with shut-off nozzles.
- ☐ **Washing Machine** ENERGY STAR labeled and (max) 5.0 WF (water factor).
- ☐ **Water Heater**² ENERGY STAR labeled whole-house gas condensing or gas tankless (on-demand) AND a recirculating hot water system with timer and/or remote start (max 10 seconds until hot water).
- ☐ **Outside Turf** 400 sq. ft. (max) of turf and/or non-permeable surfaces or half of total outdoor surface (whichever is less). All other is native plants, mulch, trees and natural permeable paving.
 - ☐ **BONUS:** 200 sq. ft. or 25% of total restrictions on above (whichever is less.)
 - ☐ **BONUS:** No turf or non-permeable with max existing walkways 300 sq ft.
- ☐ **Irrigation** No irrigation system and timers on all hoses OR Drip-irrigate non-turf areas and optional sprinklers for turf areas with Evapo-Transpiration (ET) Smart controller operating irrigation system.
- ☐ **Cistern**¹ Collect rainwater through plumbed 1800 gallon (min) cistern to supply some outdoor irrigation. No connection to potable system allowed.
- ☐ **Approved Other** Green roof, or other.



OVERALL IMPROVEMENTS

- ☐ **TV and Computer Screens** All screens LCD AND/OR ENERGY STAR, if purchasing choose LCD AND ENERGY STAR.
- ☐ **Ceiling Fans** 2 or more, if purchasing choose ENERGY STAR.
- ☐ **Window Coverings**¹ ¼" thick (min) coverings for half (min) of all windows AND skylights, and operable so they can be closed at night.
 - ☐ **BONUS:** Outdoor operable covering
- ☐ **Fireplaces**¹ Must have tight fitting insert OR glass doors completely covering opening OR fixed glass front gas fireplace appliance.
 - ☐ **BONUS:** Built in blower to heat room in at least one fireplace.
- ☐ **Appliances / HVAC** 2 of the following ENERGY STAR labeled max five years old: refrigerator, freezer, dishwasher, water heater, whole house air conditioner, furnace (min 90% AFUE).
 - ☐ **BONUS:** Two additional products (at least four total).
- ☐ **Flooring**¹ FSC certified wood OR min 50% recycled content or natural carpet or tile OR cork based (including linoleum) in at least one room. Adhesives low/no VOC.
 - ☐ **BONUS:** Use in two or more rooms.
- ☐ **Countertops**¹ Natural material and/or (min.) 50% recycled content, such as recycled glass or tile, in one room (min.).
- ☐ **Decking**¹ FSC certified wood AND/OR (min) 50% recycled AND/OR natural stone for all decking.
- ☐ **Approved Other**

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¹ **BONUS:** Items manufactured within 100 miles of the home count **double**.

² May require an over-the-counter building permit; some require additional engineering and/or building department review.

Note: Actual benefits will vary.

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