Green Building Websites

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- **http://www.gggc.state.pa.us/GreenBldg/greenhom.htm**
  Green Buildings- Pennsylvania. There are many links to other green building websites and there is a description of PA’s first green facility.

- **http://www.usgbc.org/**
  United States Green Building Council. An association of businesses and organizations (non-profit) that promotes the understanding, development, and accelerated implementation of green building. Administers LEED™, a self-assessing system designed for rating new and existing commercial, institutional, and high-rise residential buildings. It evaluates environmental performance from a “whole building” perspective over a building's life cycle, providing a definitive standard for what constitutes a green building.

- **http://www.worldbuild.com/index.htm**
  World Build: The Green Building Consortium. Specializes in green building content. Purchasing agent and a resource for organizations and professionals that are demanding increased levels of building and product performance.

- **http://www.recycle.net/ncra/GBCHome.htm**

- **www.bfrl.nist.gov/oae/bees.html**
  BEES: Building for Environmental and Economic Sustainability. Free download of BEES 2.0 software, to select “environmentally preferable” products.

- **www.state.sc.us/energy**
  South Carolina Energy Office. News and information related to energy conservation in South Carolina.

- **http://solstice.crest.org/sustainable/greenclips-info.html**
  GreenClips. GreenClips is a summary of news on sustainable building design and related government and business issues published every two weeks by architectural researcher and environmental consultant Chris Hammer of Sustainable Design Resources.

- **http://www.pnl.gov/doesustainbledesign/**
  Department of Energy’s (DOE’s) Complex-Wide Sustainable Design Program. Contains information on the DOE’s Pollution Prevention Design Project and how it is applied to design projects.
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  *The EcoGateway (Your Guide to Sustainability Online).* Contains links to more than 5,000 websites and pages relating to sustainability.

- [http://www.eren.doe.gov/](http://www.eren.doe.gov/)
  *Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Network (EREN)* homepage (Department of Energy). A comprehensive resource for the Dept. of Energy’s information on efficient and renewable energy. Provides access to over 600 links and 80,000 documents.

- [http://www.buildinggreen.com](http://www.buildinggreen.com)

- [http://www.greendesign.net/](http://www.greendesign.net/)

- [http://minerva.acc.virginia.edu/~sustain/](http://minerva.acc.virginia.edu/~sustain/)
  *The Institute for Sustainable Design: University of Virginia.* “Created to ‘render viable’ alternatives to conventional design and practice in human production.”

- [http://oikos.com](http://oikos.com)
  *Oikos: Green Building Source.* An extensive index of green building products and companies.

- [http://greenbuilding.ca/](http://greenbuilding.ca/)
  *Green Building Information Council.* A Canadian organization that promotes energy-efficient and resource-efficient buildings. Contains news, events, and links to related websites.

- [http://www.greenconcepts.com](http://www.greenconcepts.com)
  *Green Building Concepts.* Contains tools to build more energy and resource-efficient homes. Green living, building hints, product tips.

  *Austin Energy’s Green Building Program.* Know for expertise in “green” residential and commercial construction. Current events, programs, publications.

  *Smart Communities Network*
  Topics in sustainability: overview, green buildings, green development, land use planning, municipal energy, etc. Contains top sustainability websites, a resource database, and success stories.
• [http://www.greenguide.com](http://www.greenguide.com)  
**Green Building Resource Guide.** A database of more than 600 green building materials and products. Products selected for usefulness to design and green building professionals, rather than just for green material content.

• [http://nrg-builder.com](http://nrg-builder.com)  
**Building Environmental Science and Technology (B.E.S.T).** Resource guides to green building, resource efficiency and sustainability. Consulting services can assist individuals/companies to implement innovative, cost-efficient, and green building practices. Provides tips for reducing energy use in the home.

**Greenway.** Dedicated to producing viable products from landfill materials (megaplast) to slow the deforestation process and decrease the amount of materials in landfills.

**The Sustainable Building Coalition- Austin, TX.** A network of individuals interested in sustainable and ecological building, design and development.

**Sustainable Sources.** A search guide for communal living, green building companies, and environmental organizations. Topics: sustainable building, green real estate listings, green building professionals directory, sustainable sources bookstore, other environmental and related websites, articles: sustainability and spirituality, catalogs and commercial sites, and conferences.

• [http://www.gdrc.org/uem/](http://www.gdrc.org/uem/)  
**The Global Development Research Center: The Virtual Library on Urban Environmental Management.** A guide to sustainable urban planning- green building, sprawl, waste management.

**Center for Resourceful Building Technology (CRBT)- a project of the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT).** Promotes environmentally friendly building practices through research education, and demonstration. Encourages building technologies that take into consideration a sustainable and efficient use of resources.

**Green Building Alliance.** A non-profit organization that educates the development community on benefits and techniques of green building.

• [http://www.eeba.org](http://www.eeba.org)


- [http://www.buildingforhealth.com](http://www.buildingforhealth.com) *Building for Health Materials Center* (central supplier for healthy and environmentally friendly building products) and CRG Design- Designs for Living (provides many services including consulting for green and healthier residential and commercial projects).