

TAKE THE CHALLENGE



Questions?

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A member of Cities for Climate
Protection, Lenox is committed to a
greener environment.



Other Green Building Resources

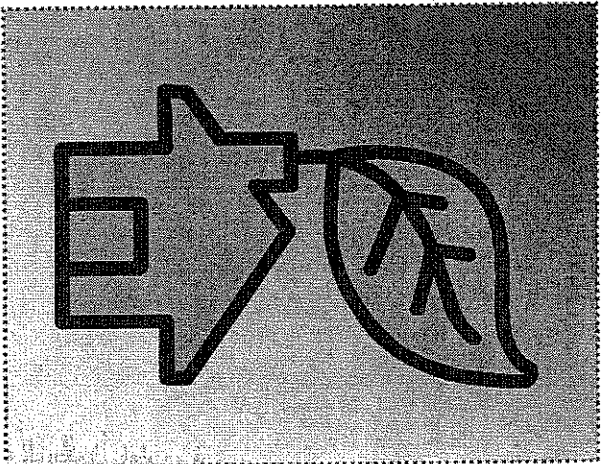
www.energystarhomes.com
www.greenhomeguide.org
www.earthadvantage.com
www.nahb.org/gbg

For more information on participation
in ENERGY STAR and green building
certification programs, call Megan at
the Center for Ecological Technology (CET)
800-369-3333 x21

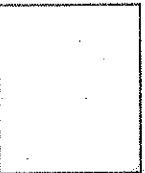
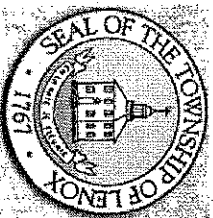
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Green Building for the 21st Century



With energy costs on the rise, as well as mounting concerns about energy security, global warming, and indoor air quality, many homeowners and builders are turning to green building.

Green design and construction is based on the principle that thoughtful planning and smart materials selection can create buildings that are healthier, more energy efficient and more cost-effective to operate.

Homeowners enjoy economic benefits of a green home - often providing at least 20-30% reduction in energy costs over the life of the building.

Green buildings also create significant community and environmental benefits through their reduced impact on air pollution and global warming.



Diagnostic Testing & Verification

The Lenox Green Building Challenge



The Challenge is a voluntary, incentive based green building program unique to Lenox and offering two challenge levels. Incentives are in the form of rebates and will be granted by the Building Department once the applicable criteria have been verified by a third party.

Level A : ENERGY STAR - \$500 rebate on building permit fee.

Homes that meet the ENERGY STAR standards, as verified by a certified third party, can qualify for this incentive. Through support from the utility-sponsored New Homes with ENERGY STAR program in Massachusetts, participants will receive free or reduced-cost technical assistance for earning the ENERGY STAR label, including plan reviews, and on-site testing and verification. The project may also qualify for utility incentives, if available.

Level A+ : GREEN CERTIFIED - 50% rebate in the total building permit fee (rebate capped at \$1,500).

Homes that meet ENERGY STAR standards and also earn a third party verification using any green building program such as LEED, Earth Advantage, or the National Association of Home Builders, qualify for this incentive level.

Who can participate?

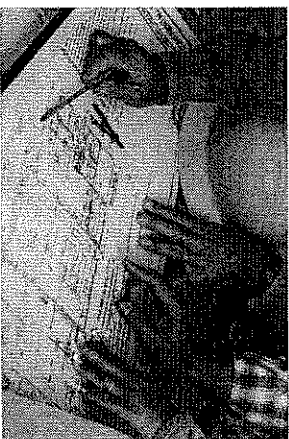
Contractors or homeowners building new single or multi-family homes, plus projects involving extensive renovations that meet the energy star qualifications.

Benefits of Green Building



Better Health

Green buildings are healthier places to live and work. The paints, sealants, and other materials contain fewer toxic materials like those in traditional construction, creating a healthier building with better indoor air quality.



Save Money

Because a green building uses more efficient equipment, such as lights, appliances, heat and hot water systems, its heating and electric bills will be substantially reduced.

Help the Environment

In construction, green buildings produce less waste and are built from sustainable and recycled materials. In operation, they conserve resources like electricity, oil, and water. Green buildings help to reduce our "environmental footprint". It's the right thing to do for our town and our planet!