

Some Resources for Green Residential Design and Building

Green Building Construction Material and Services

- Eco-Solutions Store, Copper Hill, Virginia (540) 929-4499
Supplier and installer of eco-friendly building materials such as paints, flooring, and eco-safe pressure treated lumber
- Solar-Renewable Energy Design and Installation - Solar Connexion
1405 South Main Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060, TEL: 540-961-5120
Designer and installer of clean renewable energy systems for the home such as grid tied and off the grid PV systems, solar hot water, and water collection systems.
- Sustainable Building Resource Directory <http://www.sbrd.org/>
A dynamic database of Green businesses, programs and organizations that are located in the mid-Atlantic area.
- National Green Pages <http://www.coopamerica.org/pubs/greenpages/>
Co-Op America's directory of screened and approved green businesses.
- Alternative Energy Technologies <http://aetsolar.com/>
A manufacturer from Florida with a wide distributor network specializing in the manufacturing of Thermafin copper absorber plates and flat plate solar thermal collectors.
- GreenSpec© Menu <http://www.buildinggreen.com/menus/index.cfm>
Construction Specifications Institute's detailed listings for more than 2,000 environmentally preferable building products with descriptions, manufacturer information, and links to additional resources.
- Environmental Yellow Pages
<http://www.enviroyellowpages.com/listings/USA/VA/7175c436fba190027f45c6ad7353a77f>
Extensive directory, but not well screened.
- Oikos™ Green Building Sources
http://www.oikos.com/green_products/index.php
Green building source based in Oregon with some good ideas and product descriptions.
- Sustainable Sources <http://www.greenbuilder.com/>
A nice clean user friendly web site, some good information and not very extensive.
- Real Goods-Products for an Ecologically Sustainable Future
<http://www.realgoods.com/>
Been around since 1978 and a leader in ecological products for a sustainable future. Based in California but distributes products throughout the world. they also have a catalog.

Green Building Techniques and Methods

- Ancient Hills, Building with Nature 540-651-4808
Based in Floyd County, these folks have real experience in constructing homes with strawbale, cob, timber framing, etc. They will help you build your home.
- Alternative-Dirt Cheap Home Building
<http://www.dirtcheapbuilder.com/stonewood.html>
Excellent resource of books, DVD,s and other media for building your alternative eco-friendly home.
- Consumer's Guide to Buying a Solar Electric System
<http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy04osti/35297.pdf>
US Department of Energy's guide to buying and installing PV systems to generate your own electricity.

Green Building, General Information and Background

- Virginia Sustainable Building Network <http://www.vsbni.org/>
A statewide organization that brings together people from diverse sectors who are interested in building healthy, energy-efficient, environmentally friendly buildings and sustainable communities.
- Co-Op America <http://www.coopamerica.org/>
Mission is to harness economic power—the strength of consumers, investors, businesses, and the marketplace—to create a socially just and environmentally sustainable communities.
- Healthy Building Network <http://www.healthybuilding.net/>
A national network of green building professionals, environmental and health activists, and socially responsible investment advocates who are interested in promoting healthier building materials as a means of improving public health and preserving the global environment.
- Consumer Energy Center <http://www.consumerenergycenter.org/index.html>
California based but good universal information: The Energy Center went on line in 1995 to offer the public a one-stop site on the Internet for the latest information about energy resources and how to use them.
- Energy Savings for your Home <http://www.energystar.gov/>
Joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping us save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices.
- Renewable Energy Businesses in Virginia
<http://www.energy.sourceguides.com/businesses/byGeo/US/byS/VA/VA.shtml>
Web based browser for a list of Renewable Energy Businesses in Virginia in alphabetical order by business name. There are 42 businesses in this list.