

## What is "Green Building"?

"Green Building" is a **collection of land use, building design, and construction strategies that reduce environmental impacts and energy consumption of buildings while contributing to the health of its occupants.**

Traditional building practices often overlook the interrelationships among a building, its components, its surroundings, and its occupants. As such, "typical buildings" consume more of our resources than necessary and generate large amounts of waste.

## What are characteristics of Green Building?

- Preserves natural vegetation; uses native species plants
- Contains/Uses recycled-content building materials
- Contains/Uses non-toxic building materials
- Uses water and energy efficiently
- Uses natural lighting (also referred to as "daylighting")
- Includes recycling facilities throughout
- Recycles construction and demolition wastes
- Provides good indoor air quality

## What are the benefits of Green Building?

**1**

**It saves money through reduced energy and water consumption.**

**2**

**It reduces impacts on the environment.**

**3**

**It provides a safe and comfortable indoor environment.**

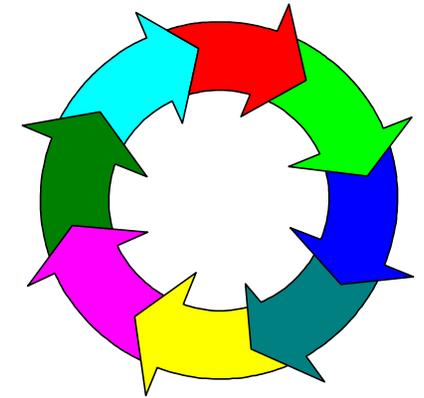
## How can I Build Green?

- Use low volatile organic compound paints.
- Use durable products and materials (as they last longer or they require less maintenance).
- Buy or replace appliances, lighting, and construction/building components (such as windows) that are energy efficient.
- Use native species plants in landscaping. This usually saves water and maintenance costs.
- Use materials containing recycled materials (i.e., "Buy Recycled").
- Recycle construction and demolition materials.



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