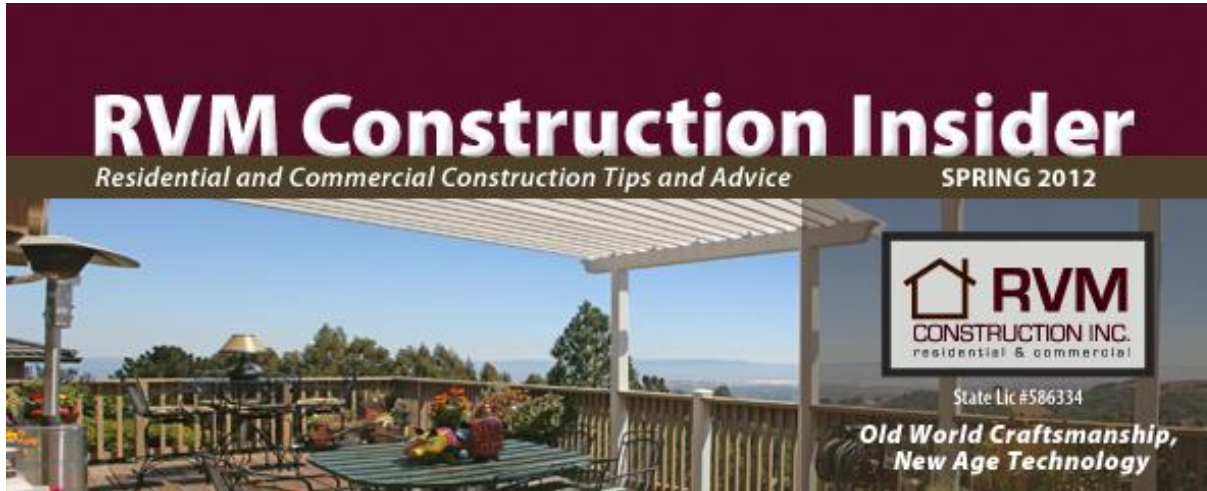


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What Makes a Green Home Green?



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Welcome to RVM Construction
What Makes a Green Home Green?

Have you ever wondered what makes a green home, green? In other words, what makes it more environmentally friendly than the average home built in America? As you might have guessed many of your tax dollars have been spent on this subject and the US Green Building Council has developed a green home guide and checklist for homeowners and builders. You can view the entire checklist on their website at USBCG.org which details the LEED rating system developed by the council that rates homes in 8 important areas of "greenness", each of which have an important impact on the design of a home.

Indoor Environmental Quality - Green homes should maximize fresh air and reduce the exposure of the occupants to any airborne toxins.

Spring Home Maintenance Checklist

- Check your patio cover and any decking for mold and paint loss.
- Clean your air conditioner and change your furnace filter.
- Check your foundation for cracks and fill as necessary.
- Make sure your garage door opener is functioning properly.
- Clean and unclog gutters.
- Fix any leaks in the roof exposed by the rainy season.

Energy Efficiency - A green home should be insulated and have energy efficient windows that perform significantly better than more traditional construction.

Water Efficiency - The green home should save water and re-use far more than average construction.

Site Selection - A green home is close to public transportation and other services to reduce the owners dependence on a vehicle.

Materials - Green homes are made of recycled, reclaimed and environmentally responsible products.

Education and Awareness - Your green home educates you on ways to reduce and reuse as well as your surrounding community.

Innovation - Green homes make use of innovative regional building practices and ensure an integrative approach to managing your entire construction project.

Do you have questions about greening your home or building a green home? Call RVM today for environmentally friendly answers to all your green questions.

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