

## Links & Resources

We've compiled a list of resources and links for topics covered in the build green section. Please feel free to contact us if you have other great resources you think we should add to this page.

### Building Basics

#### LSU AgCenter's The Sustainable Louisiana House Checklist

LSU Ag Center has compiled a checklist of features and components of a sustainable house in Louisiana. It also has a Reference Guide for more information about items on the checklist.

#### Building Your Louisiana House: A Homeowner's Guide to Shaping the Future for Louisiana Living

Find information on advantageous components of a sustainable house in Louisiana, a range of ways to address the criteria - from low-cost options to higher-end, higher-performance solutions and basic principles of building science that should be considered when choosing and installing any building system or technology in a hot-humid or mixed-humid climate.

#### Building Science Consulting's Guide to Building in Hot & Humid Climates

One of the most important things to consider when building in New Orleans is building for humidity. This guide specifically addresses those issues.

#### LSU AgCenter Home Improvement guide

LSU AgCenter's home improvement guide lists ways to make your home stronger, safer and smarter with both energy-saving and hazard-resistant improvements for remodeling or restoration.

#### US Dept of Energy's Consumer Guide to Home Energy Efficiency

On this website, you can learn how to use the energy in your home more efficiently and how to use renewable energy to provide your home with electricity, heating, cooling, and water heating.

#### Lowe's Guide to Home Energy Efficiency

Lowe's Home improvement store lists simple and inexpensive steps that you can take to make your home more energy efficient and these solutions often bring big returns. As a bonus, they benefit the environment.

### Green Building Design

#### National Geographic's Green House Guide

The Green Guide from National Geographic lists tips, quizzes, videos and products to green each room of your home as well as the whole house.

#### US Dept of Energy Solar Energy Page

This is the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy website about Solar Energy Technologies. Learn about concentrating solar power, photovoltaics, solar heating and solar lighting.

#### Free Sun Power

Great intro guide to the types of solar panels and their installation.

#### EERE's Consumer's Guide to Radiant Heating

The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Solar Energy Technologies program website about Radiant Heating. Topics include: radiant floor heat, types of floors, and installation guide.

#### Water Efficiency 101 from inhabitat.com

Great intro on how to make your home more water efficient. Topics include: Water Collection and Reuse, Irrigation, and Indoor Water Use.

#### Green Roofs for Healthy Cities

Green Roofs for Healthy Cities is a small network consisting of public and private organizations working to promote the industry throughout North America. They offer classes throughout the country.

#### US EPA Intro to Green Roofs

US EPA site offers an introduction to green roofs.

### Resources

#### Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings. LEED gives building owners and operators the tools they need to have an immediate and measurable impact on their buildings' performance. LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.

#### Search for LEED Professionals

#### Global Green Resource Center

841 Carondelet St, New Orleans, LA

Visit the Resource Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Also see their online resources page.

#### Finding a Green Contractor

##### [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org)

U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) website. It lists building professionals accredited by the USGBC for having "demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles and familiarity with LEED requirements, resources and processes."

##### [www.coopamerica.org](http://www.coopamerica.org)

Non-profit Co-op America's Green pages lists architects and designers that have been screened for a commitment to social and environmental responsibility.

##### [www.livingeconomies.org](http://www.livingeconomies.org)

Many green businesses are members of local chapters of the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE), a network established to ensure "that economic power resides locally, sustaining healthy community life and natural life."

[www.usgbc-louisiana.org](http://www.usgbc-louisiana.org)

Local chapter of the USGBC is a group of volunteer professionals in the green building industry.

#### Find a Solar Professional

This online directory has linked thousands of home and small business owners around the country to qualified solar energy system installers serving their area. The web site also gives consumers a place to estimate costs and output of solar systems for hot water, electricity, and pool or spa heating.

#### Know of a great green building resource?

Please contact us to let us know about any great green building resources you have or know about and we'll add them to this page.