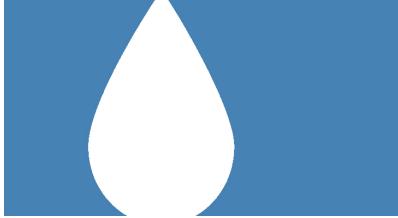


INNOVATIVE DESIGN PROCESS



SOME GREEN REMODELING STRATEGIES ARE EASY TO IMPLEMENT BY A DO-IT-YOURSELF INCLINED HOMEOWNER. OTHERS REQUIRE SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE AND/OR TESTING EQUIPMENT. THERE ARE MANY CONTRACTORS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS WITH GREEN BUILDING TRAINING TO HELP YOU IMPROVE YOUR HOME.

WATER CONSERVATION



WATER IS BECOMING A SCARCE AND EXPENSIVE RESOURCE. CONSERVE WATER IN YOUR HOME WITH UPGRADES TO YOUR FAUCETS, SHOWERHEADS, TOILETS, AND WASHING MACHINES. PLANT DROUGHT-TOLERANT LANDSCAPING TO CONSERVE WATER RESOURCES AND MAINTAIN NATURAL ACQUIFER CONDITIONS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY



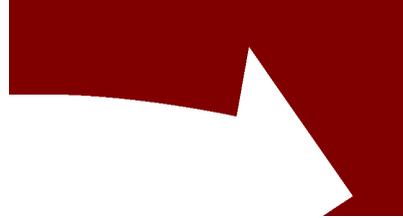
ENERGY EFFICIENCY LIMITS THE HARMFUL ENVIRONMENTAL SIDE EFFECTS OF ENERGY GENERATION, DISTRIBUTION, AND CONSUMPTION AS WELL AS SAVING MONEY ON UTILITY BILLS FOR THE HOMEOWNER. COST EFFECTIVE ENERGY EFFICIENT STRATEGIES CAN BE EASILY IMPLEMENTED THROUGHOUT YOUR HOME.

COMMUNITY & SITE IMPACT



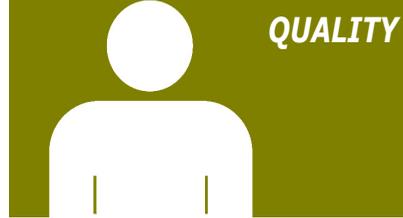
BURNSVILLE'S RAINWATER GARDENS INITIATIVE IS ONE WAY FOR HOMEOWNERS TO REDUCE POLLUTION FROM STORM-WATER RUNOFF, KEEPING RAINWATER ON SITE TO RECHARGE THE GROUNDWATER AND PROTECT WATER RESOURCES. OTHER GREEN SITE STRATEGIES INCLUDE PLANTING SHADE TREES AND EDIBLE/NATIVE LANDSCAPING, AND RAINWATER COLLECTION.

RESOURCE EFFICIENCY



HOMEOWNERS CAN SELECT SALVAGED OR REGIONALLY AVAILABLE MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS WITH RECYCLED CONTENT TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL ECONOMY, CUT DOWN ON TRANSPORTATION COSTS, AND REDUCE VIRGIN MATERIAL USE AND SOLID WASTE. THESE PRODUCTS ARE NOW READILY AVAILABLE AT RETAIL STORES.

INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



SUPERIOR INDOOR AIR QUALITY IS REQUIRED FOR THE HEALTH, COMFORT, AND WELL-BEING OF RESIDENTS. SELECT PRODUCTS FOR YOUR HOME THAT ARE FORMALDEHYDE, LEAD, ASBESTOS, ARSENIC, MERCURY, CADMIUM, AND PCB-FREE. USE LOW-VOC PAINTS, PRIMERS, ADHESIVES, AND SEALANTS. ENSURE THAT LIVING AREAS ARE ADEQUATELY VENTED.

What is green remodeling?

Improvements to your home to reduce your energy bills, create a healthier living space, conserve resources, add property value, and lessen your environmental impact. Green homes need not look any different than conventional homes.

Why is green remodeling important?

Green remodeling includes strategies that allow residents to live more sustainably and reduce their consumption of resources. Living sustainably helps the City of Burnsville to have a thriving local economy and high quality of life for all residents.

How do I find information on green grants?

www.burnsville.org
- Neighborhood Water Resources Enhancement Grant
- Energy Efficiency Grants & Tax Rebates

www.dakotacda.org
- Weatherization Assistance Program
- Burnsville Home Remodeling Advisor Program

How do I find a green rating system?

For homeowners or contractors who would like to learn more about established green building guidelines, visit the following:

Minnesota GreenStar
<http://www.mngreenstar.org>

Minnesota Green Communities
<http://www.mngreencommunities.org>

LEED for Homes
<http://www.usgbc.org>

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