



HOME BUILDER Self-Certification Checklist

Check items you will be including in this project to qualify for a BUILT GREEN™ star rating.

Version 2003

Requirements to Qualify at 1-Star Level

(All ★ items plus orientation)

- Program Orientation (one time only)
- Section 1: Build to “Green” Codes & Regulations
- Earn 25 points from Sections 2 through 6, any items
- Prepare/post a jobsite recycling plan (Action Item 5-19)
- Provide an Operations & Maintenance Kit (Action Item 6-1)

Requirements to Qualify at 2-Star Level (100 points minimum)

- Meet 1-Star requirements
- Earn 75 additional points from Sections 2 through 6, with at least 6 points from each Section
- Attend a BUILT GREEN™ approved workshop within past 12 months prior to certification

Requirements to Qualify at 3-Star Level (180 points minimum)

- Meet 2-Star requirements plus 105 additional points

Section One: Build to Green Codes/Regulations

- (★) 1-1. Meet Washington State Wtr Use Effic Std
- (★) 1-2. Meet Stormwater/Site Development Stds
- (★) 1-3. Meet Washington State Energy Code
- (★) 1-4. Meet Washington State Ventilation/IAQ Code

Section Two: Site and Water

SITE PROTECTION

Overall

- (3) 2-1. Build on an infill lot to take advantage of existing infrastructure and reduce development of virgin sites
- (10) 2-2. Build in a BUILT GREEN™ development

Protect Site's Natural Features

- (3) 2-3. Limit heavy equipment use zone to limit soil compaction
- (3) 2-4. Preserve existing native vegetation as landscaping
- (3) 2-5. Take extra precautions to protect trees during construction

- (3) 2-6. Preserve and protect wetlands, shorelines, bluffs, and other critical areas during construction
- (5-10) 2-7. Set aside percentage of site to be left undisturbed

Protect Natural Processes On-Site

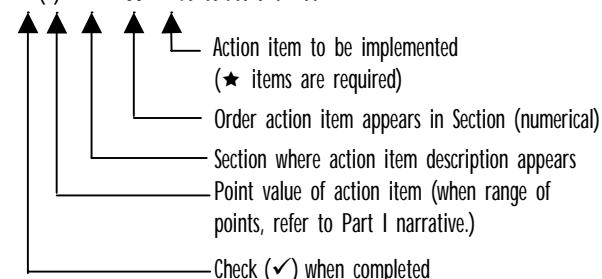
- (2) 2-8. Install temporary erosion control devices and optimally maintain them
- (3) 2-9. Use compost to stabilize disturbed slopes
- (2) 2-10. Protect topsoil with mulch or plastic
- (3) 2-11. Balance cut and fill, while maintaining original topography
- (3) 2-12. Limit grading to 20 ft outside building footprint
- (4) 2-13. Amend disturbed soil to a depth of 8 to 10 inches to restore soil environmental functions
- (3) 2-14. Replant or donate removed vegetation for immediate reuse
- (3) 2-15. Grind landclearing wood and stumps for reuse
- (5) 2-16. Use a water management system that allows groundwater to recharge
- (5) 2-17. Design to achieve effective impervious surface equivalent to 0% for 5 acres and above; <10% for less than 5 acres
- (5) 2-18. Use pervious materials for at least one-third of total area for driveways, walkways, patios
- (10) 2-19. Bonus Points: Install vegetated roof system (e.g. eco-roof) to reduce impervious surface
- (10) 2-20. Bonus Points: Construct no impervious surfaces outside house footprint

Eliminate Water Pollutants

- (1) 2-21. Take extra care to establish and maintain a single stabilized construction entrance (quarry spall or crushed rock)
- (1) 2-22. Take extra precautions to install and maintain sediment traps

HOW TO USE THE CHECKLIST

(2) 2—33. Construct tire wash



- (1) 2-23. Establish and post clean up protocol for tire wash
- (1) 2-24. Take extra precautions to not dispose of topsoil in lowlands or wetlands
- (1) 2-25. Wash out concrete trucks in slab or pavement subbase areas
- (1) 2-26. Prohibit burying construction waste
- (1) 2-27. When construction is complete, leave no part of the disturbed site uncovered or unstabilized
- (1) 2-28. Recycle antifreeze, oil, and oil filters at appropriate outlets
- (1) 2-29. Dispose of non-recyclable hazardous waste at legally permitted facilities
- (1) 2-30. Establish and post clean up procedures for spills to prevent illegal discharges
- (1) 2-31. Reduce hazardous waste through good jobsite housekeeping
- (2) 2-32. Provide an infiltration system for rooftop runoff
- (2) 2-33. Construct tire wash
- (2) 2-34. Use slow-release organic fertilizers to establish vegetation
- (2) 2-35. Use less toxic form releasers
- (3) 2-36. Use non-toxic or low-toxic outdoor lumber for landscaping (e.g. plastic, least-toxic treated wood)
- (4) 2-37. Phase construction so that no more than 60% of site is disturbed at a time and to prevent adverse impacts on adjoining properties or critical areas
- (5) 2-38. No clearing or grading during winter months
- (2) 2-39. No zinc galvanized ridge caps, copper flashing or copper wires for moss prevention

DESIGN ALTERNATIVES

- (4) 2-40. Bonus Points: Provide an accessory dwelling unit or accessory living quarters
- (5) 2-41. Bonus Points: Build north area of the lot first, retaining south area for outdoor activities
- (5) 2-42. Bonus Points: Provide a front porch
- (5) 2-43. Bonus Points: Position garage so it is not in front of house
- (2-5) 2-44. Bonus Points: Minimize garage size

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Section Three: Energy Efficiency

ENVELOPE

Thermal Performance

- (10-40) 3-1. Document envelope improvements beyond code (component performance approach)
- (1-55) 3-2. Document envelope improvements beyond code (prescriptive approach)
- (5) 3-3. Bonus Points: Participate in a program that provides third-party plan review and inspection (e.g., ENERGY STAR[®], BUILT SMART)

Air Sealing

- (1) 3-4. House wrapped with an exterior air infiltration barrier to manufacturer's specifications
- (3) 3-5. Airtight Drywall Approach for framed structures
- (3) 3-6. Use airtight building method, such as SIP or ICF
- (5) 3-7. Blower door test

Reduce Thermal Bridging

- (2) 3-8. Use insulated headers
- (2) 3-9. Fully insulate corners (requires 2-stud instead of 3-stud corners)
- (2) 3-10. Fully insulate at interior/exterior wall intersection
- (1) 3-11. Use energy heels of 6 in. or more on trusses to allow added insulation over top plate
- (2) 3-12. Use structural insulated panels
- (2) 3-13. Use insulated exterior sheathing
- (3) 3-14. Use advanced wall framing—24-in OC, w/double top plate

Solar Design Features

- (2) 3-15. Provide south shading—install properly sized overhangs on south facing glazing
- (2) 3-16. Orient windows to make the best use of passive solar
- (2) 3-17. Provide east and west shading—use glazing with solar heat gain coefficient less than 0.40 or provide natural shading with landscaping
- (1-4) 3-18. Demonstrate a reduction in space conditioning energy, using approved energy modeling software

HEATING/COOLING

Distribution

- (1) 3-19. Centrally locate heating / cooling system to reduce the size of the distribution system
- (1) 3-20. Two properly supported ceiling fan pre-wires
- (1) 3-21. Use advanced sealing of ducts using low toxic mastic
- (5) 3-22. Performance test duct for air leakage meets third-party review and certification
- (5) 3-23. Locate heating / cooling equipment and the distribution system inside the heated space

Controls

- (1) 3-24. Install thermostat with on-switch for furnace fan to circulate air
- (2) 3-25. Install 60-minute timers or humidistat for bathroom and laundry room fans
- (2) 3-26. Install programmable thermostats

Heat Recovery

- (3) 3-27. Install a heat recovery ventilator

WATER HEATING**Distribution**

- (2) 3-28. Locate water heater within 20 pipe feet of highest use
- (1) 3-29. Insulate hot and cold water pipes within 3 feet of the hot water heater

Drainwater Heat Recovery

- (3) 3-30. Drainwater heat recovery system (DHR)

LIGHTING**Natural Light**

- (1) 3-31. Light-colored interior finishes
- (2) 3-32. Use clerestory for natural lighting
- (2) 3-33. Use light tubes for natural lighting and to reduce electric lighting

Solar Powered Lighting

- (1) 3-34. Solar-powered walkway or outdoor area lighting

EFFICIENT DESIGN

- (2) 3-35. Use building and landscaping plans that reduce heating/cooling loads naturally

ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS (Bonus Points)

- (5) 3-36. Bonus Points: Solar water heating system
- (10) 3-37. Bonus Points: More than 2% of house powered by photovoltaic

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Section Four: Health and Indoor Air Quality**OVERALL**

- (5) 4-1. Assist homeowners with chemical sensitivities to identify preferred IAQ measures and finishes
- (5) 4-2. Bonus Points: Builder certified to have taken American Lung Association (ALA) of Washington "Healthy House Professional Training" course
- (15) 4-3. Bonus Points: Certify house under ALA Health House Program

JOB-SITE OPERATIONS

- (1) 4-4. Use less-toxic cleaners
- (1) 4-5. Require workers to use VOC-safe masks
- (2) 4-6. Take measures during construction operations to avoid moisture problems later
- (2) 4-7. Take measures to avoid problems due to construction dust
- (3) 4-8. Ventilate with fans after each new finish is applied
- (2) 4-9. No use of unvented heaters during construction
- (2) 4-10. Clean duct and furnace thoroughly just before owners move in
- (4) 4-11. Involve subs in implementing a healthy building job-site plan for the project

LAYOUT AND MATERIAL SELECTION

- (2) 4-12. If using carpet, specify CRI IAQ label
- (2) 4-13. Install low pile or less allergen-attracting carpet and pad
- (3) 4-14. Limit use of carpet to one-third of home's square footage
- (3) 4-15. Optimize air quality in family bedrooms
- (2) 4-16. If using carpet, install by tacking (no glue)
- (5) 4-17. Detached or no garage OR garage air-sealed from house with automatic exhaust fan
- (3) 4-18. Use formaldehyde-free fiberglass insulation
- (3) 4-19. Use low-VOC, low-toxic, water-based, solvent-free sealers, grouts, mortars, caulks and adhesives inside the house
- (3) 4-20. Use plywood and composites of exterior grade or formaldehyde-free (for interior use)
- (3) 4-21. Install cabinets made with formaldehyde-free board and low-toxic finish
- (3) 4-22. Use ceramic tile for flooring
- (3) 4-23. Use polyethylene piping for plumbing (no PVC)
- (3) 4-24. Install natural fiber carpet (e.g. jute, sisal, wool)
- (3) 4-25. Use low-VOC /low-toxic interior paints and finishes for large surface areas
- (10) 4-26. Bonus Points: No carpet

MOISTURE CONTROL

- (1) 4-27. Grade to drain away from buildings

- (1) 4-28. Seal at doors, windows, plumbing and electrical penetrations against moisture and air leaks
- (1) 4-29. If slab is used, install poly barrier properly; if no slab, bottom of floor is sufficient height above backfilled dirt
- (1) 4-30. Vent attic over code requirements to reduce moisture buildup
- (1) 4-31. Use roof gutters to drain out onto splash blocks or approved system to drain water away from building
- (1) 4-32. Roofs are pitched and flashed properly
- (1) 4-33. Design wall system to allow water to drain out in the event of possible water penetration
- (2) 4-34. Install "radon" type vent system to eliminate potential moisture problems

AIR DISTRIBUTION AND FILTRATION

- (1) 4-35. Prohibit use of electronic filter
- (2) 4-36. Install return-air ducts in every bedroom
- (1) 4-37. Install ducting/damper for fresh air intake
- (3) 4-38. Use medium-efficiency pleated filter or better
- (3) 4-39. Balance airflow system based on filter being used
- (3) 4-40. Install furnace and/or duct-mounted air cleaner or high efficiency air filter (non-electronic)
- (3) 4-41. Install central vacuum, exhausted to outside
- (2) 4-42. Provide for cross ventilation using operable windows
- (3) 4-43. Install CO detector

HVAC EQUIPMENT

- (1) 4-44. Install and test bath, laundry, pool, hot tub, and kitchen exhaust fans (if range top and/or oven are gas fired), vented to outside
- (1) 4-45. Install crank timer switches for bath exhaust fans
- (2) 4-46. Install bath fan with smooth ducting, minimum 4 in.
- (2) 4-47. Install exhaust fans in rooms where office equipment is used
- (3) 4-48. Install sealed combustion heating and hot water equipment
- (3) 4-49. Install power venting for combustion furnaces and water heating equipment
- (3) 4-50. Install exhaust fan in attached garage on timer or wired to door opener
- (2) 4-51. Install whole house fan
- (2) 4-52. Bonus Points: Provide balanced or slightly positive indoor pressure using controlled ventilation
- (10) 4-53. Bonus Points: Install a ductless heating system

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Section Five: Materials Efficiency

OVERALL

- (5) 5-1. OMITTED per 2002 Revisions
- (10) 5-2. Enroll project in King County *ConstructionWorks* Program OR in Snohomish County, meets equivalent criteria
- (5-25) 5-3. Limit project size

JOBSITE OPERATIONS

Reduce

- (1) 5-4. Use suppliers who offer reusable or recyclable packaging
- (1) 5-5. Provide weather protection for stored materials
- (2) 5-6. Create detailed take-off and provide as cut list to framer
- (2) 5-7. Use central cutting area or cut packs
- (2) 5-8. Require subcontractors to participate in waste reduction efforts

Reuse

- (1) 5-9. Reuse building materials
- (1) 5-10. Reuse dimensional lumber
- (1) 5-11. Use reusable supplies for operations, such as construction fences, tarps, refillable propane tanks
- (1) 5-12. Move leftover materials to next job or provide to owner
- (1) 5-13. Reuse spent solvent for cleaning
- (1) 5-14. Sell or give away wood scraps
- (1) 5-15. Sell or donate reusable items
- (1) 5-16. Use reusable forms
- (2) 5-17. Purchase used building materials for your job
- (2) 5-18. Save and reuse site topsoil

Recycle

- (★) 5-19. Prepare jobsite recycling plan and post on site
- (2) 5-20. Require subcontractors to participate in recycling efforts
- (1) 5-21. Recycle cardboard
- (2) 5-22. Recycle metal scraps
- (3) 5-23. Recycle wood scrap and broken pallets
- (3) 5-24. Recycle packaging
- (3) 5-25. Recycle drywall
- (3) 5-26. Recycle concrete/asphalt rubble, rock, and brick
- (3) 5-27. Recycle paint
- (4) 5-28. Recycle asphalt roofing
- (5) 5-29. Recycle carpet/carpet padding and upholstery foam
- (5) 5-30. Recycle fluorescent lights and ballasts
- (5) 5-31. Recycle landclearing and yard waste, soil and sod

DESIGN AND MATERIAL SELECTION

Overall

- (1) 5-32. Use standard dimensions in design of structure
- (1) 5-33. Install materials with longer life cycles

- (2) 5-34. Install locally produced materials
 - (3) 5-35. Use re-milled salvaged lumber
 - (3) 5-36. Use wood products certified by FSC or other recognized agency as "sustainable"
- Framing**
- (1) 5-37. Use stacked floor plans
 - (2) 5-38. Use engineered structural products
 - (2) 5-39. Use structural insulated panels
 - (3) 5-40. Use cementitious foam-formed walls with flyash concrete
 - (3) 5-41. Use finger-jointed framing material (e.g. plates and studs)
 - (3) 5-42. Use (R-19) 2x6 intermediate framing
 - (6) 5-43. At least 50% of dimensional lumber is certified sustainable wood (FSC or equal)
 - (10) 5-44. At least 90% of dimensional lumber and 50% of sheathing is certified sustainable wood (FSC or equal)
- Foundation**
- (1) 5-45. Use regionally produced block
 - (1) 5-46. Use flyash in concrete
 - (2) 5-47. Use recycled concrete, asphalt, or glass cullet for base or fill
- Sub-Floor**
- (1) 5-48. Use recycled-content underlayment
- Doors**
- (1) 5-49. Use reconstituted or recycled-content doors
 - (1) 5-50. No luan doors
 - (2) 5-51. Use domestically-grown wood interior doors
- Finish Floor**
- (1) 5-52. If using vinyl flooring, use product with recycled content
 - (1) 5-53. Use recycled-content carpet pad
 - (3) 5-54. Use recycled-content or renewed carpet
 - (3) 5-55. Use recycled-content ceramic tile
 - (3) 5-56. Use linoleum, cork, or bamboo flooring
- Interior Walls**
- (1) 5-57. Use drywall with recycled-content gypsum
 - (1) 5-58. Use recycled or "reworked" paint and finishes
- Exterior Walls**
- (1) 5-59. Use recycled-content sheathing
 - (1) 5-60. Use siding with reclaimed or recycled material
 - (2) 5-61. Use 50-year siding product
 - (2) 5-62. Use salvaged masonry brick or block
 - (2) 5-63. Use locally-produced stone or brick
- Windows**
- (1) 5-64. Use wood/composite windows
 - (1) 5-65. Use finger-jointed wood windows
- Cabinetry and Trim**
- (2) 5-66. If using hardwood trim, use domestic products
 - (2) 5-67. Use finger-jointed trim

- (5) 5-68. Use tropical hardwood trim or cabinets only if FSC certified or equal as "sustainable"
- (3) 5-69. Use domestic hardwood trim that is FSC certified or equal

ROOF

- (2) 5-70. Use recycled-content roofing material
- (2) 5-71. Use 30-year roofing material
- (3) 5-72. Use 40-year roof material

INSULATION

- (2) 5-73. Use recycled-content insulation
- (3) 5-74. Use environmentally friendly foam building products (formaldehyde-free, CFC-free, HCFC-free)

OTHER EXTERIOR

- (2) 5-75. Use reclaimed or salvaged material for landscaping walls
- (3) 5-76. Use recycled-content plastic or wood polymer lumber for decks and porches
- (5) 5-77. Bonus points: Use least toxic pressure treatment for pressure-treated wood (no CCA)

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Section Six: Promote Environmentally Friendly Homeowner O&M

HOMEOWNER'S KIT

- (★) 6-1. Provide owner with operations & maintenance kit

WATER PROTECTION

Outdoor Conservation

- (2) 6-2. Mulch landscape beds with 2 in. organic mulch
- (1) 6-3. Use grass type requiring less irrigation and minimal maintenance
- (3) 6-4. Use compost soil amendments to establish turf and other vegetation with less irrigation
- (3) 6-5. Limit use of turf grass to 25% of landscaped area
- (3) 6-6. Landscape with plants appropriate for site topography and soil types, emphasizing use of plants with low watering requirements
- (4) 6-7. Plumb for greywater irrigation
- (5) 6-8. Install rainwater collection system (cistern) for reuse
- (10) 6-9. Bonus Points: Install irrigation system using recycled water
- (10) 6-10. Bonus points: No turf grass

Indoor Conservation

- (1) 6-11. Select bathroom faucets with GPM less than code
- (1) 6-12. Select kitchen faucets with GPM less than code
- (1) 6-13. Select toilets that meet code, work with the first flush
- (3) 6-14. Install (tankless) instant hot water systems (where appropriate)
- (5) 6-15. Bonus points: Stub-in plumbing to use greywater water for toilet flushing
- (10) 6-16. Bonus points: Use greywater water for toilet flushing
- (10) 6-17. Bonus points: Install composting toilets

Eliminate Water Pollutants

- (1) 6-18. Educate homeowners about fish-friendly moss control
- (4) 6-19. Provide food waste chutes and compost or worm bins instead of a food garbage disposal

ENERGY

Heating/Cooling

- (3) 6-20. Select ENERGY STAR® heating / cooling equipment
- (2) 6-21. No gas fireplaces, use direct vent gas or propane hearth product (AFUE rating)
- (2) 6-22. No fireplaces or only high efficiency units (Rumsford or Russian fireplace, masonry heater)
- (2) 6-23. No air conditioner

Water Heating

- (2) 6-24. Passive or on-demand hot water delivery system installed at farthest location from water heater
- (3) 6-25. Upgrade electric water heater efficiency from EF of .88 to .93
- (3) 6-26. Upgrade gas or propane water heater efficiency from EF of .55 to .60
- (4) 6-27. Install the water heater inside the heated space (electric, direct vent, or sealed venting only)
- (4) 6-28. Upgrade electric water heater to exhaust air heat pump water heater or de-superheater: EF 1.9
- (4) 6-29. Upgrade gas or propane water heater from EF of .55 to .83

Appliances

- (1) 6-30. Provide an outdoor clothesline
- (1) 6-31. Install gas clothes dryer
- (3) 6-32. Install a horizontal-axis or ENERGY STAR® washing machine
- (1) 6-33. Install an extra-efficient dishwasher (ENERGY STAR®)
- (1) 6-34. Install ENERGY STAR® refrigerator

Efficient Lighting

- (1) 6-35. Furnish four compact fluorescent light bulbs to owners (req'd if installing screw-in compacts, See Action Item 6-38)
- (1) 6-36. Halogen lighting substituted for incandescent down-lights
- (2) 6-37. Install lgt dimmer, timers, and/or motion detectors

- (2-5) 6-38. Use compact fluorescent bulbs, ballast, or fixtures in three high-use locations (kitchen, porch/outdoors, and one other location)

Health and Indoor Air Quality

- (1) 6-39. Build a lockable storage closet for hazardous cleaning & maint. products, separate from occupied space
- (1) 6-40. If installing water filter at sink, select one with biodegradable carbon filter
- (1) 6-41. Install showerhead filter

Recycling

- (2) 6-42. Provide garage sorting bins for recyclable materials
- (2) 6-43. Provide built-in kitchen or utility room recycling ctr

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EXTRA CREDIT

- (1-10) A-1. Extra credit for innovation

_____ **Total Points for Project**

Program Level Obtained:

1-Star ★ 2-Star ★★ 3-Star ★★★

By my signature, I certify that I have performed all Action Items checked above:

(Home Builder Signature and Date)

2002 Revision Note

The point values on this checklist have been revised effective January 1, 2002. Because Parts I and II have *not* yet been revised, the point values as they appear in the narrative of Parts I and II may differ from the checklist. *Use this checklist for the correct point assignments.*



Appendix A 2003 Revisions

A-1 Extra Credit for Innovation

1-10 Points

This Action Item recognizes builders for using innovation and emerging technologies, practices, and products that fulfill the intentions of the program, but are not called out in the checklist.

Builders can earn up to 10 points by submitting a short written justification for the extra credit points to the Built Green™ Executive Committee for review, approval, and award of points. Builders are encouraged to recommend point values (up to 10) for their submittals in line with the Home Builder Program. The Executive Committee will evaluate the submittal and recommended points, then they will determine final point awards. For instance, an innovative educational poster for the Model may be valued at 2 points, while creating a full-scale low-watering, low-maintenance demonstration landscape at the model may be valued at ten points. Other ideas include a program to donate usable building materials and incorporating emerging energy efficiency technologies.

A-1 Extra Credit for Innovation (Resources)

See Built Green™ Resource Library.