



Optional Green Ideas

- Higher Level Programs
 - CGP (Silver, Gold, Emerald)
 - <http://www.nahb.org/category.aspx?sectionID=1174>
 - Earth-Craft
<http://www.earthcrafthouse.com/>
- Air Quality
 - Indoor finishes and materials
 - The best way of reducing VOC exposure is to completely eliminate products, which contain formaldehyde, benzene, ethylene glycol, methylene, and chloride.
 - Carpets
<http://www.carpet-rug.org/>
 - Cabinets
<http://www.greencabinetsource.org/>
 - Paints and floor finishes
<http://www.sherwin-williams.com/pro/green/>
 - Alcohol gel burning fire places
http://www.treehugger.com/files/2006/04/alcohol_the_eco.php
 - Overall Air quality improvements
<http://www.epa.gov/iaq/ia-intro.html#What%20Causes%20Indoor%20Air%20Problems>
 - Electrostatic filters
 - HEPA return filters
 - Humidification
 - Linens and plastics (homeowner belongings)
 - The most overlooked contributors to VOC's and contaminants
- Water conservation
 - Grey water use for irrigation
<http://www.greywater.com/>

- Rain collection systems
http://articles.directorym.com/Englert_Rainwater_Harvesting_Systems_South_Carolina-r1137649-South_Carolina.htm
- Xeriscaping
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xeriscaping>
- Reduced carbon footprint
 - Buy carbon credits to offset house construction
http://www.carbonplanet.com/shop/purchase_carbon_credits
 - Use exterior materials than use less power to manufacturer
http://www.ecoact.org/Programs/Green_Building/green_Materials/index.htm