

“We didn’t intend to remodel green, but Earl Williams, CAPS, CGP, went through the house and introduced us to something we never considered, that there was a green aspect to remodeling. So we got an outcome that we never intended but now wouldn’t want to live without.”

—Jim Carter, Colleyville, TX

“We wanted to work with someone who knew the state of the art techniques and products and technologies involved in the green building process. Kevin Enyeart, CGP, taught us so much. He was always looking at what would be a good return on investment. I felt really good about working with a builder like this.”

—Nedra Mitchell, Lee Summit, MO

What Is A Certified Green Professional (CGP)™?

The CGP is an exclusive designation offered by the National Association of Home Builders, designed to teach building industry professionals strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes using cost-effective and affordable options. Requirements include 24 hours of classroom instruction, industry experience and adherence to the CGP Code of Ethics. To maintain CGP status, designees are required to complete 12 hours of building industry and green related continuing education every three years.

Have Your Home Green Certified By the NAHB Research Center

Incorporating green building practices and high performance features into your new or remodeled home is just the first step. Certification by the NAHB Research Center can provide you with assurance that your home was built in compliance with the ICC 700-2008 National Green Building Standard,™ a nationally approved benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of green homes. The NAHB Research Center provides independent, third-party certification of new homes, additions, and renovations. The certification process includes two home inspections by a trained, third-party Verifier who will ensure compliance to the Standard. The best way to start is to ask your builder or CGP about having your home certified by the Research Center and see how green your home can be—Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Emerald.

NAHBGreen

Building green can benefit a home’s occupants and the environment in lots of ways. But no matter what your reason is for going green, NAHBGreen™ has the resources to help everyone—from industry professionals to curious home buyers—start making a difference.



More information can be found at www.nahbgreen.org.



Go Green
the Right Way

Hire A Certified Green Professional™

www.nahb.org/CGPinfo



Why Build Green?

Here are some smart reasons for building or purchasing a green home or greening your remodeling project:

Operating Costs

When properly used, energy-efficient appliances, insulation, lighting systems and HVAC equipment can result in lower energy consumption compared to other homes. Water-conserving faucets, showers, toilets and irrigation systems may also result in less water consumption.

Maintenance

Effective moisture management and the use of more durable materials in conjunction with tried and true construction practices could increase the effective life of a home.

Indoor Environmental Quality

Maintaining Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) means creating good ventilation, filtration and air exchange, so choosing the right equipment is important. In addition, paints and sealants with lower volatile organic compounds (VOC) can also improve IEQ.

The Environment

Reducing the energy and water needs of a home and taking care to minimize the disturbance of the land surrounding a home are great ways to reduce a home's environmental impact. Efficient building products can also significantly reduce the home's impact on natural resources.



Ready To Go Green?

NAHB's Certified Green Professional (CGP)- designation is a reliable way to identify industry professionals who are committed to making your home green.

A CGP has been trained in:

- Choosing products and practices for greater energy efficiency
- Indoor and outdoor water conservation practices
- Preserving indoor environmental quality
- Identifying and choosing sustainable building products
- Meeting the benchmarks of the National Green Building Standard.™

Your CGP is dedicated to the practice of green building and trained to deliver it to you in the way that best suits your needs. Your CGP will be able to explain the hows and whys of green building and educate you on which features are appropriate for your project.

Determining Your Budget

No matter how simple or complicated your project—new or existing—it's important to create a budget. A CGP can offer guidance on what green features to incorporate into your project so that you can stay within your budget.



Questions To Ask Your Builder

Green building is more than just a checklist. It's the use of quality building practices that promote sustainability to make a home healthier and more efficient—while being kind to the ecosystem. The CGP designation provides a solid background in green building methods.

Here are some questions to ask your builder or remodeler:

- What can I afford?
- What features do I want my home to have?
- How will this affect the home's value?
- How many years of experience do you have, and how many green projects have you been involved in?
- Do you use a credible third-party certification for your projects, like the NAHB Research Center's National Green Building Certification?
- How do you select green products?
- Do you have experience with the green products/designs I want incorporated into my home?
- Do your excess materials get recycled, reused or donated?
- May I talk to some of your previous customers about the work you did for them?
- What type of warranty program do you offer?
- What makes a remodeling project green?
- What's the difference between the National Green Building Standard™ and other rating systems?
- How will this project help my energy bills?
- What landscaping should I consider?

