



Selecting Green Materials and Products

Green materials and products

- have a low environmental impact during harvesting, manufacturing, shipping, installation, use, and at the end of the life-cycle
- are resource-efficient, and do not require high energy or water consumption
- do not pollute or have a negative effect on the environment
- can be natural, sustainable, organic, recycled, recyclable, or biodegradable

The following online green materials databases and third-party certification programs are helpful tools when selecting green materials and products:

Green Book

Environmental Design + Construction
Environmental products and services
www.edcmag.com/greenbook

Sustainable Building Sourcebook

Austin Energy Green Building Program
www.austinenergy.com

GreenSpec

Building Green
Environmentally preferable building products
www.buildinggreen.com/menus

Energy Star

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, U. S.
Department of Energy
Energy-efficient products
www.energystar.gov

GreenGuard

GreenGuard Environmental Institute
Low-emitting materials, furnishings, and
products
www.greenguard.org

Sustainable Design Resource Guide

Denver AIA Committee on the Environment
Sustainable materials database
www.aiacolorado.org/SDRG/intro/index.html

GreenSeal

Environmentally responsible products and
services
www.greenseal.org

Green Building Pages

Sustainable building materials database
www.greenbuildingpages.com

NFRC

National Fenestration Ratings Council
Energy performance of doors, windows, and
skylights
www.nfrc.org

Sustainable Choice

Scientific Certification Systems
Sustainably manufactured products
www.sccertified.com/sustainablechoice

Floor Score

Resilient Floor Covering Institute
Certified low-emitting flooring
www.rfci.com/int_FloorScore.htm

Green Label and Green Label Plus

Carpet and Rug Institute
Low-emitting carpet, pad, and adhesives
www.carpet-rug.org

FSC Certified Woods

Forest Stewardship Council
Woods from sustainable forests
www.fsc-info.org

Recycled-content product directory

California Integrated Waste Management
Board
www.ciwmb.ca.gov/RCP