

FEATURE	BENEFIT
Climate and soil appropriate plants which are native to the area	Reduces watering & maintenance, preserves natural ecosystem
Engineered storm water management plan	Mitigates soil erosion caused by runoff and may help the natural water table be replenished
ChoiceDek (or equal)	100% recycled material (plastic & wood). Durable / low maintenance
Pre-Plumb for solar hot water system	Provides the infrastructure for later installation of a solar thermal hot water system
Hardiplank fiber cement siding	Durable / low maintenance; low impact alternative to wood, vinyl, or metal
30-year asphalt shingles	Durable roofing that reduces the need for replacement
20% fly ash in concrete mix	Reduces the use of CO ₂ emitting Portland Cement production while adding strength to the concrete
2x6 framing in lieu of 2x4	The extra 2 inches increase the insulation value of wall.
Engineered floor and roof trusses	These beams are composed of reused and small dimension lumber. They are straighter and stronger than solid sawn lumber and reduce old-growth foresting.
Blown Cellulose insulation in exterior walls	Cellulose is recycled newspaper, has a high R-value and is mold and fire resistant.
Formaldehyde free fiberglass batt insulation	Formaldehyde is a respiratory toxin. The elimination of this material results in a healthier indoor environment.
Low-VOC interior paints	Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are emitted from most paints and detrimental to human health. The elimination of VOCs results in a healthier indoor environment.
Mohawk <i>Direct Hit</i> (or equal) carpet base	Our carpet base is a durable plush carpet made of recycled pop bottles.
Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs) in all recessed cans	CFLs use less energy and lasts up to 7x longer than regular bulbs
All pipes located an unheated space are insulated	Reduces heat loss which in turn reduces energy and water usage
Energy-Star Rated Dishwasher	Energy-Star rated appliances use less energy to operate than typical dishwashers or the minimum code compliance.
Sealed combustion water heater	Reduces the amount of harmful gasses in the air and increases comfort and indoor air quality
90% AFUE natural gas, forced-air furnace	80% AFUE (annual fuel utilization efficiency) is the industry norm. The higher the efficiency rating, the more fuel is converted to heat and delivered to home. Reducing your energy costs
Programmable thermostat	Eliminates heating or cooling the home unnecessarily when not in use
CO ₂ & Radon Detector	Notifies homeowners of harmful substances they would otherwise be unaware of
Blower Door Tests & Certification	A third-party certification company checks the performance of your house in regards to air infiltration and insulation levels; we then take their data and implement any necessary changes, resulting in higher energy efficiency and savings for you
Low-E coated windows, door windows, and skylights	Low-E coatings prevents excessive heat gain/loss from your glazing