

NO-COST AND LOW-COST SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

No-Cost Solutions

- Site your building to optimize solar orientation
- Minimize paved areas
- Protect existing vegetation and use native plants in landscaping
- Keep lawn areas to a minimum
- Minimize east- and west-facing windows
- Use salvaged materials
- Add fly ash in concrete mix (consult structural engineer for appropriate percentage for the intended use)
- Soy based curing & sealing compounds and form release agents
- High recycled content ceiling tiles
- Fiberglass insulation with recycled content
- Polyisocyanurate insulation for roofing applications (eliminates the use of CFCs or HCFCs)
- Low VOC sealant and adhesives
- Synthetic gypsum where regionally available
- Recycled content ceramic tile
- Recycled content carpet backing
- Reclaimed nylon in carpet
- Low/no VOC paints
- Water-efficient fixtures

Low-Cost Solutions

- Renovate older buildings rather than building new
- Salvage usable demolition materials and recycle waste
- Certified wood doors and other wood products
- Recycled content rubber flooring and vinyl composition tile
- Linoleum
- Low-VOC-emitting wall covering
- Do not run ducts to exterior walls
- Low-E glazing
- Choose Energy Star® appliances