

Green building and renovating resources

To help reduce the city's greenhouse gas emissions by 33% by 2020, Council requires that your home renovation projects include green design and efficient energy updates.

We have developed a number of resources - including green home renovation guides - that will help you incorporate sustainability features into your home renovation project, and create a home that is healthy, saves you money, and is easy on the environment.

[Take a virtual tour of local green buildings](#)

Green building audio tours

Enjoy audio tours of some of Vancouver's most popular green buildings - a project brought to you by the non-profit Open Green Building Society.

[Free resources for sustainable building and renovating](#)

Green home renovation guides

The City's Green Home renovation guide series covers common remodeling topics, offering helpful hints on materials and strategies to create a home that's healthy, saves money, and is easy on the environment.

Passive design building

Learn about passive design, the building approach that helps you harness the power of the sun, direction of wind, and other climatic effects to maintain consistent indoor temperatures and comfort.

Waterwise landscape guidelines

The City has developed a series of guidelines for more sustainable landscapes, which helps preserve the quality and availability of city water.

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Do you need a permit for your renovation?

Most common renovation, construction, or maintenance projects require a city permit.

Find out if you need a permit for your project, and learn the value of the City's permitting system.

[See if you need a permit](#)

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Visit the Development and Building Services Centre at 515 W 10th Ave for:

- Development and building enquiries
- Pre-booked appointments with planners
- Trade, tree, and sign permits
- Minor alteration permits
- Tenant improvement program permits
- Property research and building plan copies
- Commercial parking permits
- Courier drop-offs
- New business licences

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Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
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