

# Green home renovation guides

The City will soon revise the Vancouver building bylaw to include new sustainability requirements for all home renovations.

To help you start thinking green now, we have produced a series of green renovation guides.

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



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### [Green renovation overview \(498.43 KB\)](#)

What is a green renovation, and why consider one? This overview guide explains how a green renovation works, shows you what it can look like, and gives helpful project tips.

### [Green Home Salvage and Reuse \(927.56 KB\)](#)

This 16-page guide is full of tips about how to reuse and recycle used building materials. Save money and be gentler on the planet.

### [Home energy audit \(1122.72 KB\)](#)

A tour of your home, using this guide and checklist will help you learn how well your home operates, and what upgrades can improve its performance.

### [Hiring a pro \(1185.18 KB\)](#)

A green renovation requires a new approach to design and construction. Make sure you get help from professionals who understand this new approach.

### [Roofing \(1510.71 KB\)](#)

The choices you make when re-roofing your home can help protect the environment - and your budget.

### [Landscaping \(2508.34 KB\)](#)

Using low maintenance and non-toxic materials for your landscape can give you beautiful results. Get these tips for landscape elements, from pathways to pergolas.

### [Lighting \(1353.96 KB\)](#)

Energy efficient lighting can be both stylish and functional. Learn how to incorporate creative green lighting into your home.

### [Painting \(935.31 KB\)](#)

The wrong paint can affect air quality inside your house, and cause smog outside. Learn to choose paints that meet your needs, while protecting air quality.

[Kitchen \(1237.20 KB\)](#)

Use this guide to make sure your new sustainable kitchen is not only durable, safe, and efficient, but welcoming, too.

[Bath and laundry \(957.78 KB\)](#)

Bathrooms use large amounts of water and energy. Use this guide to help make important decisions about energy saving fixtures, flooring, and more.

[Green Homes Buyer's Guide \(715.46 KB\)](#)

This two-page guide explains what makes a home a green home, includes details about green features, and provides 10 questions to ask about your future home.

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