



# ASK A HOME BUILDING PROFESSIONAL

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The Canadian Home Builders' Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to education, professionalism in the building industry. I invite you to send your questions to [info@chbaseatosky.com](mailto:info@chbaseatosky.com)

**Question:** What is Built Green™ and why should I consider it for my next new home?

**Answer:** Built Green™ is a non profit voluntary program that promotes "green" building practices to reduce the impact that building a new home has on the environment. Building a Built Green™ home will add value to your new home by promoting and recognizing the use of practices and products that represents resource-efficient and environmentally friendly construction. The purpose of Built Green™ is to encourage homebuilders to use technologies, products and practices that will:

- Provide greater energy efficiency and reduce pollution;
- Provide healthier indoor air;
- Reduce water usage;
- Preserve natural resources;
- Improve durability and reduce maintenance.

The benefits to you are:

- a healthier indoor air environment
- a significantly more energy efficient house that is less costly to operate
- home that will reduce your overall environmental impact
- a more comfortable home to live in

The program includes mandatory Builder Training offered through the Canadian Home Builders Association (CHBA); Successful completion of the Built Green™ Builder Training is required to become a Built Green™

Certified Builder member. Only CHBA Built Green™ Certified Builder members can build a Built Green™ home. To begin, your home will require a plan evaluation by a certified energy advisor, preferably prior to construction. By following the Built Green checklist the energy advisor can provide options to help achieve one of 4 levels of Built Green certification; the Checklist is a list of "green" criteria. It includes an energy efficiency requirement, and a menu of options in categories, addressing a range of "green" items from which the builder can select to meet the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum achievement levels.

A follow up inspection is done when the home is completed along with an air tightness test to determine the energy efficiency of the building structure. This follow up inspection and air test determines the level of Built Green certification and the Energuide rating which measures the energy rating of the home. This is the same rating certification you might find on new house hold appliances.

Whether you are building a new home or renovating your existing residence I encourage you to build a healthier, lower impact more energy efficient comfortable home. Build a Built Green™ home and look for the Built Green™ logo to identify a CHBA Built Green™ Certified Builder.

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For more information on the courses being offered this spring, (Including the Built Green™ Builder Training Course) please contact us.



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