

Green Energy/Resource Management Quotes

- Building green has many interpretations, but the goals include efficient use of land and energy, water conservation, improved indoor air quality, and resource conservation, primarily by using recycled materials.
- According to the National Association of Home Builders, there are more than a dozen green building programs around the country.
- The NAHB, which represents the nation's residential builders, has been trying to persuade its members to use alternatives to lumber in home construction.
- American-made steel these days has a recycled content of 90 percent, meaning it has been used somewhere before.
- No building can be totally green, especially when you are talking about materials.
- Some recycled materials need to be replaced more often than conventional materials, and the need to change them negates their value as green.
- One component to green building is using products made from recycled or renewable materials (such as straw and bamboo), which decreases the use of resource-depleting new wood and cuts down on discarded materials headed for the landfill.
- Many building materials that are made of recycled or renewable materials offer benefits beyond just protecting natural resources – many are more durable, have lower maintenance, or simply add style and distinction to the home.
- “There definitely are some products that have (both) environmental attributes and product performance,” says Nadav Malin an editor at Environmental Building News (EBN). “When you get that kind of winning combination, some of the products really start to take off. Trex (decking) is an excellent example of that.”
- Building products that are made from materials such as straw and bamboo grow quickly and are easily renewable, unlike regular timber that takes decades to re-grow.
- Tim Mann, program manager for IBM's office for environmentally conscious products, points out, “the most important ways to save the environment are probably the easiest.”
- When the opportunity arises, buy energy-efficient computers, monitors, and printers. It's easy to identify these machines as they bear the EPA's Energy Star logo. The Energy Star label indicates that this equipment meets the Environmental Protection Agency's latest standards for energy efficiency. As Andrew Fanara, manager of the Energy Star office equipment program, explains, “Consumers who purchase Energy Star equipment can be assured that they are buying the most energy-efficient, most high-tech products on the market. This is because the EPA periodically raises the bar, challenging manufacturers to meet higher and higher standards for compliance.”
- "Nationwide, more than 32,000 homes were built green using local green building program guidelines from 1990-2002. In 2002 alone, more than 13,000 green homes were constructed."

- Duplex copying is just a fancy name for printing on both sides of the page. This saves paper, which saves you money. However, duplex copying also drastically cuts down on pollution because it takes 10 times more energy to actually manufacture a piece of paper than it does to make a copy. In other words, duplex copying not only saves trees but also cuts down on the pollution that results from the manufacturing process.