

What resources are available?

Resources available to property owners and project teams include:

-  **Santa Barbara County Innovative Building Review Program.** This free service provides expert guidance on a range of energy and green building practices.
www.sbcountyplanning.org/projects/ibrp
-  **emPower Santa Barbara County and Energy Upgrade California.** These programs provide financial incentives and tools to support renovation projects that incorporate energy efficiency measures. www.empowersbc.org and www.energyupgradeca.org
-  **California Advanced Homes.** This program provides both technical assistance and financial incentives to residential projects that exceed the California Energy Code.
www.californiaadvancedhomes.com
-  **Savings By Design.** This program offers financial incentives and technical assistance to non-residential projects that commit to exceeding the California Energy Code. www.savingsbydesign.com
-  **California Solar Initiative.** This rebate program offsets a portion of the costs of installing photovoltaic or solar thermal renewable energy systems.
www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/csi

The Green Building Program was developed between 2010-2012 through a community stakeholder process that included a citizens advisory group known as the Green Ribbon Committee. This committee included representatives from the design, construction and development communities.

The City is leading by example by establishing a LEED Silver certification requirement for future City owned buildings of 2,000 square feet or greater.

For more information about the City's Green Building Program and available resources and incentives, contact Cindy Moore at cmoore@cityofgoleta.org or visit the Planning & Environmental Review portion of the City's website at www.cityofgoleta.org.

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Green building is a comprehensive approach to the design, construction, and operation of buildings.



What is green building?

Green building practices recognize the relationship between the natural and built environments and seek to minimize the use of energy, water and other natural resources and create a healthy indoor environment. Establishing green building standards is part of the City's effort to create a more sustainable community.

What types of projects are covered?

The Green Building Program is voluntary for most types of projects, including new residential, commercial, industrial, multi-family construction and single-family additions.



Any project that requires legislative action by the City Council is considered a "covered project" and must meet the CALGreen+ requirements of the Green Building Ordinance. Examples of covered projects are those applications that include a request for a Rezone, General Plan Amendment, Specific Plan and/or Ordinance Amendment.

What projects are eligible for incentives?

Incentives are available for all projects. To be eligible, certain minimum thresholds must be met. The following standards and rating systems may apply depending on the type of project and specific incentive pursued.

Standards

The California Energy Code serves as the energy performance baseline for all projects permitted in the City. The City of Goleta Reach Code requires energy performance standards beyond the minimum levels required by the California Energy Code (Title 24, Part 6).

CALGreen+ requirements are in addition to the mandatory CALGreen standards in the State building code (Title 24, Part 11). The CALGreen+ requirements are:

- 65% Construction Waste Reduction, Disposal & Recycling
- 40% Landscape Potable Water Use Reduction or Use of Recycled Water
- 30% Interior Water Use Reduction
- 90% Low Volatile Organic Compound Flooring
- Solar Ready
- Electric Vehicle Ready

Rating Systems

Built Green Santa Barbara is a commercial and residential green building rating system developed by the Santa Barbara Contractors Association. Buildings can be rated at the 3, 4, or 5-star level.

GreenPoint Rated is a residential green building rating system developed by the Build It Green organization with compliance verified by a GreenPoint Rater.

LEED® is the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design green building rating system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED® certification is awarded at the Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels.

What are the incentives?

Eligible participants can benefit from various program incentives based on the type of project:

Expedited Review/Permitting Processes

Concurrent processing of Land Use Permits and Design Review Board through the Current Planning & Building Divisions

Priority processing in both the Current Planning & Building Divisions

Expedited Building Division plan check

Financial Incentives

50% rebate on Land Use Permit Fixed Application Fees

Technical & Marketing Assistance

Participation in Santa Barbara County's free Innovative Building Review Program

City recognition programs

