



Our Environmental Commitment:

We will assist you in creating an energy efficient home while protecting the natural surroundings that draw each of us to the mountains.

What Does it mean to Build Green?

Building green involves a comprehensive pursuit of environmentally conscious decisions on the part of a homeowner, architect, and general contractor. It involves smart designs, intended to take advantage of features such as passive solar. It involves prudent building, ensuring environmentally friendly practices such as recycling and the use of sustainable products. And it involves homeowner input on the degree to which they would like to pursue green practices with their home. Together, these pursuits lead to homes that fit the homeowners wishes while protecting our mountain environment.

Following are samples of the ways that we practice and promote green building:

New Forms of Insulation

Insulation is changing constantly. The old methods of using only fiberglass batts are obsolete. We stay up-to-date with the latest products and testing to allow our clients the opportunity to capitalize on these new products.

Beetlekill Pine Siding

Our local forests are being overtaken by the pine beetle epidemic. One result of this process is an abundance of Beetlekill Pine lumber. The high supply of this product leads to very economical costs and the ability to use a locally harvested product in a positive way.

Energy Star

Energy Star appliances are becoming the norm rather than the exception. We are constantly promoting the use of Energy Star products throughout a home. These products offer the dual benefits of energy efficiency and lower operating costs.

Sustainable Building Code

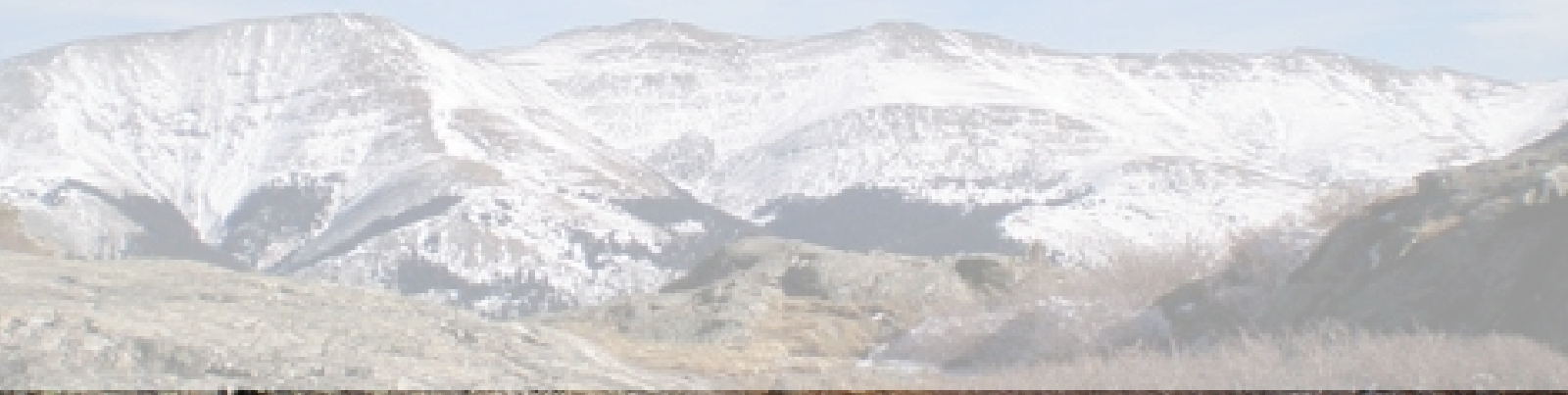
New building codes have recently been passed in our area to help ensure sustainable practices by both architects and general contractors. These codes help to ensure that all homes in the area are built to certain environmental standards.

High Efficiency Boilers

Most of our homes are heated through in-floor radiant systems. The inclusion of high-efficiency gas boilers allow for these systems to maintain adequate heating at relatively low operating costs.

Solar Power

Our proximity to the sun makes Summit County an ideal location for solar energy systems. We provide pricing and options on how to utilize this type of system on any applicable roof pitches.



Pursuing Paperless Operations

While paper will always be needed with certain aspects of our operations, we are striving to minimize paper usage whenever possible. Our efforts include emailing all draws in a PDF format and maintaining computer-based, rather than paper-based, storage for proposals, contracts, and other documents.

Customer Education

Our customers are often interested in building green, but are simply unaware as to how this can be achieved. Working with both our customer and their architect, we can provide education and value engineering input regarding the most energy efficient and cost-effective methods of building a green home.

Minimizing Emissions

iPads, iPhones, and other similar devices do not just save paper. They save gas and emissions. By allowing our Project Managers complete access to data from the job site, we minimize the number of trips between the office and the site. This results in a savings of money, gas, paper, and emissions.

Recycling at all Job Sites

100% of all wood, cardboard, and metal is recycled at each one of our job sites. Using designated recycling stations, and working closely with our subcontractors, we ensure that recyclable materials are not thoughtlessly disposed of.

iPads On-Site

Beginning in 2011, our Project Managers will utilize an on-site iPad. These devices will allow for constantly updated information without the need for excessive paper. All documents, from building plans to appliance specs, can be accessed at any time.

Reusing Office Paper

If paper is for internal use, then it is used twice. We maintain a storage of previously used paper so that we can print internal documents on the back side of these pages. This leads to substantial reductions in our paper usage.

Utilizing PDF Building Plans

As little as 5 years ago, it was common to print multiple sets of building plans for distribution and bidding with subcontractors. We are now completely PDF-based. Plans are distributed to all subs and vendors in a PDF format, thereby decreasing the number of large 24"x36" sheets printed each year.

Use of Sustainable Materials

We always present options to our clients on how to utilize locally sustainable materials. This can range from Beetlekill Pine siding to the newest forms of environmentally friendly insulation. Our interest is to take advantage of products that make sense for both our clients and or natural surroundings.



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