



Chicago Green Homes Program

{ Certifying environmentally-responsible residential construction and renovation }

Resources

For more information about environmentally-responsible building in Chicago:

- Visit the Chicago Center for Green Technology (CCGT) at 445 N. Sacramento Blvd. The Center's Green Tech University provides support for the Chicago Green Homes program through educational seminars and events. For a full listing of programs and services, visit www.cityofchicago.org/Environment/GreenTech.
- Download the Green Home Remodeling Series, six guides consisting of tips and resources to help you plan your green remodeling project. Available at www.cityofchicago/environment. Click on "Chicago Green Homes."
- Visit the U.S. Green Building Council's website at www.usgbc.org to learn about green building design, technology, and resources.

Why Build Green?

- Greater energy efficiency = cost savings, reduced pollution, and increased comfort
- Healthier indoor air = comfort and improved quality of life
- Reduced water consumption = cost savings and less strain on our rivers and lakes
- Preserved natural resources = leaving more for future generations to enjoy
- Reduced maintenance = greater durability with less wear and tear and more leisure time
- Less waste and pollution = making better use of our resources



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Permeable alley



CFL bulb



Solar panels

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Overview

Chicago Green Homes provides the tools and strategies for building homes and multi-family buildings that are energy-efficient and environmentally responsible.

By encouraging the use of new technologies, products, and practices, and certifying those efforts, it also creates choice in the marketplace for buyers and renters, and gives builders and developers a way to distinguish their products.

Eligibility

Most residential projects are eligible, including new construction and renovations of single-family homes (including town homes) and multi-family buildings (less than 80 feet in height). The program is voluntary; however, if you are seeking financial assistance from the City, your participation may be required.



How It Works

Use the *Chicago Green Homes Checklist* and choose from a range of building options and strategies, each with an associated point value. Consult the *Chicago Green Homes Program Guide* for detailed explanations and technical information. Achieve a 1, 2, or 3-star-rating based upon the number of points earned. Receive a *Chicago Green Homes Certificate* for your project upon review and approval by the Chicago Department of Environment.

Achieve points in the following categories:

- Sustainable Sites
- Energy Efficiency
- Materials
- Health and Safety
- Resource Conservation
- Homeowner Education
- Innovation

Incentives

In addition to receiving a Chicago Green Homes Certificate, participants will be granted the use of the Chicago Green Homes logo and their projects will be recognized on the City's website. Projects submitted to the program may also qualify for the Chicago Department of Buildings expedited green permit process. To learn more about the process and eligibility requirements, visit the City's website at www.cityofchicago.org/dcap. Choose "Green Permit Program" under the "Permit Program" category.



Permeable pavers

Participation

To participate in Chicago Green Homes, applicants must complete an applicant agreement, enrollment form and checklist, and submit all necessary drawings and documentation. Enrollment prior to beginning construction is preferred. Submit all information to:

The Chicago Department of Environment (CDOE)
Attn: Chicago Green Homes
30 N. LaSalle Street, 25th Flr.
Chicago, IL 60602

Copies of the applicant agreement, enrollment form, checklist and guide may be downloaded from our website at www.cityofchicago.org/environment. Click on "Chicago Green Homes". For additional information, call 312-744-7606.

Points required for the three different ratings in the Chicago Green Homes Program:

CATEGORY	★	★★	★★★
	ONE-STAR	TWO-STAR	THREE-STAR
Single Family New Construction	200	300	350
Single Family Renovation	200	250	300
Multi-Family New Construction	200	300	350
Multi-Family Renovation	200	250	300

Consult the manual for details on how to achieve these points.