



# RESIDENTIAL GREEN BUILDING REQUIREMENTS UPDATE

## Join us for a community meeting!

In September 2011 the City Council directed staff to review Sunnyvale's current residential green building standards, research industry standards, and provide recommendations for modifications to the current standards. A summary of the current green building standards for residential buildings is provided on the back of this page. The purpose of these standards is to:

- Implement sustainable development and construction practices that use natural resources in a manner that does not eliminate, degrade, or diminish their usefulness for future generations,
- Enhance the public health and welfare by promoting the environmental and economic health of the city through the design, construction, maintenance, operation, and deconstruction of buildings and other site development, and
- Incorporate green building practices into all development projects.

The City will be hosting two meetings to discuss this study. The meetings provide members of the public with an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback about the study. Any code changes that may result could affect future residential construction, including remodels, additions, and new buildings.

## OUTREACH MEETINGS:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.	THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012 9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
<b>West Conference Room</b> <b>Sunnyvale City Hall, 456 W. Olive Avenue</b>		

If you have questions, would like to provide comments, or are unable to make it to the meeting but would like to be updated on this issue, please contact Diana Perkins by email at [dperkins@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:dperkins@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us) or by phone at (408) 730-7455.



# Current Residential Green Building Standards

## Single-Family and Duplex

Type of Project	Minimum Standard	Verification/ Review Requirement	Voluntary Incentives
<b>New Construction</b>			
≤ 1,500 sq.ft.	CALGreen Mandatory Measures	Verified/Reviewed by City staff	--
> 1,500 sq.ft.	GreenPoint Rated Checklist v4.2 or later with 70 points minimum	Verified/Reviewed by City staff	Achieve 100 points, with Green Point Rater verification, and the project can increase lot coverage by 5%
<b>Remodel, Alteration, and Additions</b>			
≤ \$100,000 construction valuation*	--	--	--
> \$100,000 construction valuation*	GreenPoint Rated Checklist v4.2 or later (no minimum points required)	Verified/Reviewed by City staff	--

\* Valuation per square foot of construction is determined in the annually adopted fee resolution.

## Multi-Family (including condominiums, townhouses, and apartments)

Type of Project	Minimum Standard	Verification/ Review Requirement	Voluntary Incentives
<b>New Construction</b>			
≥ 3 dwelling units	GreenPoint Rated Checklist v2.2.1 or later with 70 points minimum	Verification by Green Point Rater	Achieve 100 points, with Green Point Rater verification, and the project can increase height by 5', or lot coverage by 5%, or 5% density bonus
<b>Remodel, Alteration, and Additions</b>			
≤ \$250,000 construction valuation*	--	--	--
> \$250,000 construction valuation*	GreenPoint Rated Checklist v2.2.1 or later (no minimum points required)	Verified/Reviewed by City staff	--

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