



## Why Green Homes Make Sense

The market for environmentally-friendly homes is booming. Builders and homeowners alike have recognized that building green is healthier for people and easier on the environment. According to the National Association of Home Builders, half of those considering buying a new home, or remodeling their existing home, intend to incorporate green products into their plans. The numbers are even higher in the West, which has become an international leader in the green building movement.

**What exactly is a green home?** Building green covers a series of environmental practices that: conserve soil and water; save energy; increase indoor air quality and health; help preserve the environment

### What are the benefits of building green?

**A healthier home:** The average American spends 90% of their time indoors, and most of that is at home. By using natural and low-toxic materials, green practices create healthier indoor air. Sealing air leaks and improving ventilation helps control dust and keeps pollen and pollutants from entering your home—a big plus for those with allergies or asthma.

**A healthier planet:** Going green is easier on the environment. Reducing household energy demand lessens air pollution from power plants. Using sustainable building materials helps preserve our natural resources. Green landscaping saves water and reduces chemicals.

**A healthier pocketbook** The savings from an energy-efficient home add up fast. A model green-built home in Portland, Oregon reduced the homeowner's energy bills by 42% for heating and 50% for cooling compared with a typical home. **Greater resale value** Buyers see the cost benefits of a green home as a big benefit. The Appraisal Journal studied the resale value of homes with energy-saving features and found an average \$20.73 increase in resale value for every \$1.00 in annual energy cost savings.

Next month we'll have some tips on how to give your home a "Green Tune-Up". In the meantime, here are some online resources that can help:  
Energy Efficient Rehab Advisor [www.rehabadvisor.pathnet.org](http://www.rehabadvisor.pathnet.org)  
Green Home Remodeling [www.ci.seattle.wa.us/sustainablebuilding/green-home.htm](http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/sustainablebuilding/green-home.htm)

## Windermere Community Service Day

On Friday, June 17, 2005 Windermere celebrates its annual Community Service Day. Each year since 1984 Windermere agents have dedicated a day in June to community service projects that give back to the neighborhoods in which we live and work. In the past, we've cleaned, landscaped, painted and performed general repairs for senior citizens centers, public schools, Woodland Park Zoo, low income housing and emergency shelters, among others.

This year, our Oak Tree office will be working in **Licton Springs Park** at 97th and Ashworth. We'll be doing our neighborly best to preserve the wetlands areas with our landscaping efforts!

## June & July Events

**Edmonds Waterfront Festival June 3rd-5th** Come enjoy the fun for kids and adults at the Port of Edmonds Marina. Free trout fishing for the kids, arts & crafts, JP Patches, Stan Boreson & music too! [www.edmondswaterfrontfestival.com](http://www.edmondswaterfrontfestival.com)

**Flag Day June 14th**

**Windermere Community Service Day June 17th** Our Oak Tree office will be working at Licton Springs Park!

**Fremont Fair & Summer Solstice June 18-19th** The Fremont Fair is located in the middle of the fabulous Fremont neighborhood...sometimes referred to as "The Center of the Universe!" [www.fremontfair.com](http://www.fremontfair.com)

**Father's Day June 19th**

**Shoreline Arts Festival June 25-26th** With continuous entertainment, music & dance, juried art shows for adults and students, a photography show, artists and crafters in action, hands-on art, the Literature Live venue, a used-book sale, and food there is sure to be something for everyone! [www.shorelinearts.net](http://www.shorelinearts.net)

**Shore Run / Walk June 26th** All cancer survivors are invited to pick up a survivor cap under the blue balloons at either Leschi or Seward Park and attend the Fairmont Olympic hotel team breakfast at the party-in-the-park following the race. [www.ontherun.com/shorerun](http://www.ontherun.com/shorerun)

**Independence Day July 4th**

**Bite of Seattle July 22-24th** In 2005 the Bite™ will be filled with over 60 great restaurants, fantastic national and local entertainment on seven stages, sizzlin' cooking demonstrations and a whole lot more! At the Seattle Center. [www.biteofseattle.com](http://www.biteofseattle.com)