

What Makes A Product "GREEN?"



1.

Products made with recycled, salvaged or agricultural waste content

- Products with pre-consumer recycled content
- Salvaged products
- Products with post-consumer recycled content
- Products made from agricultural waste material

2.

Products that conserve natural resources

- Products that reduce material use
- Products with exceptional durability or low maintenance requirements
- Certified wood products
- Renewable products

3.

Products that avoid toxic or other emissions

- Natural or minimally processed products
- Alternatives to ozone-depleting substances
- Alternatives to hazardous products
- Products that reduce or eliminate pesticide treatments
- Products that reduce storm water pollution
- Products that reduce impacts from construction or demolition activities
- Products that reduce pollution or waste from operations

4.

Products that save energy or water

- Building components that reduce heating and cooling loads
- Equipment that conserves energy and manages loads
- Renewable energy or fuel cell equipment
- Fixtures and equipment that conserves water

5.

Products that contribute to a safe, healthy built environment

- Products that do not release significant pollutants into the building
- Products that block the introduction, development or spread of indoor contaminants
- Products that remove indoor pollutants
- Products that warn occupants of health hazards in a building
- Products that improve light quality
- Products that help control noise
- Products that enhance community well being

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