

*Mission: To provide homeowners the information, guidance and incentive to implement upgrades to home and property that will save energy and water while enhancing indoor air quality.*



## Achieve a StepUp2Green Award

**"Sage Award" = All Essential Items + 2 from each Selection Group**

**"Jade Award" = All Essential Items + 3 from each Selection Group**

**"Emerald Award" = All Essential Items + 4 from each Selection Group**

### ESSENTIAL ITEMS (required for all levels)

- If painting interiors, choose zero or low VOC (0-50) paints for healthier air quality.
- All central heating and/or cooling thermostats must be ENERGY STAR labeled, setback-type and programmed.
- 75% of all lighting must be fluorescent and/or low-voltage and/or LED. At least one fixture must be LED, installed indoors or outside.
- Weather-stripping on all exterior doors (including house to garage); caulk any infiltration points using low or zero VOC caulk.
- Low flow showerheads (2.2 gallons per minute (gpm) or less), sink aerators (1.5 gpm max.) and garden hoses with shut-off nozzles. Fix all water leaks and document (many water providers will perform this leak check for no cost and will document the results).
- Equip kitchen with 2A 10B:C fire extinguisher and carbon monoxide alarm; smoke alarms to be in all bedrooms and hallways and (min.) one on each level, including basement.

### SELECTION GROUPS

<div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid #ccc; padding-bottom: 5px;"> <b>ENERGY SAVINGS</b> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lighting</b><sup>1</sup> At least half of all lighting with motion detectors (inside and outside).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Skylights</b><sup>1</sup> 2 or more Tubular Daylighting Devices and/or double-pane (min.) skylights. If adding new, see footnote 2.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ceiling or Roof</b><sup>2</sup> If replacing a roof, install R-11 (min.) rigid insulation below new roof. <b>Alternate:</b> Total (R30) any types of ceiling or roof insulation. If adding attic insulation, use spray-foam, recycled denim or cellulose.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Furnace</b><sup>2</sup> 90% (min.) efficient using natural gas or propane. If purchasing new, choose ENERGY STAR labeled. Clean filter installed and have 6 replacement filters on hand.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Windows</b><sup>1</sup> Double-pane (min.) for at least 90% of all windows and glass doors.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Air Conditioning</b> No Air Conditioning. Or, if whole house system is existing, then replace with single room ENERGY STAR labeled, (max.) 9 yrs old.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Swimming Pool</b><sup>1</sup> Solar thermal heating panels totaling (min.) 75% of pool surface area AND any Hot Tub with insulated cover.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Solar Thermal</b><sup>1,2</sup> 60 sq. ft. min. (2 panel) system for domestic hot water. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>BONUS:</b> 90 sq. ft. (min.) system.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Solar Electric</b><sup>1,2</sup> 1.25 KW or larger (Photovoltaic) system. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>BONUS:</b> 2.5 KW (or larger).</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Approved Other</b><sup>1,2</sup> 1.25 KW or larger wind energy device, or fuel cell combo heat and power, or other renewable energy.</li> </ul>	<div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid #ccc; padding-bottom: 5px;"> <b>WATER SAVINGS</b> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bathrooms</b> All toilets must be 1.6 or less gallon per flush (gpf) and at least one toilet must be dual flush or high efficiency (max. 1.28 gpf). All showerheads must be 1.75 gpm or less, with shut-off nozzles.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Washing Machine</b> ENERGY STAR labeled and a water factor (WF) of 5.0 or less, lower is better, (typically Front-Loading).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Water Heater</b><sup>2</sup> ENERGY STAR labeled whole-house gas condensing or gas tankless (on-demand), AND a recirculating hot water system with timer and/or remote start (max. 10 seconds until hot water).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Outside Turf</b><sup>3</sup> 400 sq. ft. of turf (max.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>BONUS:</b> Reduce to 200 sq. ft. (max.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>DOUBLE BONUS:</b> No turf and no sprinkler heads on property.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Irrigation</b> No irrigation system and hose timers on all hoses. Or Drip-irrigate non-turf areas and optional sprinklers for turf areas with Evapo-Transpiration (ET) Smart controller operating irrigation system.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cistern</b><sup>1</sup> Collect rainwater through plumbed, 1800 gallon (min.) cistern to supply (some) outdoor irrigation. No connection to the potable system allowed.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Approved Other</b></li> </ul>	<div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid #ccc; padding-bottom: 5px;"> <b>OVERALL IMPROVEMENTS</b> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>All TV and Computer Screens</b> LCD and/or ENERGY STAR labeled.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ceiling Fans</b> 2 or more (If purchasing choose ENERGY STAR labeled).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Window Coverings</b><sup>1</sup> ¼" thick (min.) coverings for at least half of all windows, including skylights, and operable so they can be closed at night.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fireplaces</b><sup>1</sup> All must have tight fitting insert or glass doors completely covering opening or fixed glass front gas fireplace appliance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>BONUS:</b> Add blower to heat room in at least one fireplace.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Appliances / HVAC</b> 2 of the following: refrigerator, freezer, dishwasher, water heater, air conditioner, furnace – ENERGY STAR labeled and (max.) 9 yrs old. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>BONUS:</b> Two additional products (at least four total).</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Flooring</b><sup>1</sup> If wood, then FSC certified; or if carpet or tile then (min.) 50% recycled content or natural materials; or cork based (including linoleum); in at least one room. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>BONUS:</b> Use in two or more rooms.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Countertops</b><sup>1</sup> Natural material and/or (min.) 50% recycled content, such as recycled glass or tile, in one room (min.).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Decking</b><sup>1</sup> If wood, then FSC certified; and/or (min.) 50% recycled content; and/or natural stone product; for all decking.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Approved Other</b></li> </ul>
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**StepUp2Green businesses have agreed to accept back original packaging material returned to the store, as well as any unused products purchased from them, at no cost, within 30 days of purchase.**

<sup>1</sup> **BONUS:** Items manufactured within 100 miles of the home count **double**.  
<sup>2</sup> May require an over-the-counter building permit; some require additional engineering and/or building department review.  
<sup>3</sup> Resulting areas must be planted with native drought tolerant species and/or permeable materials such as pervious pavers.  
 Note: Actual benefits will vary.

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