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# BuiltGreen® Conference 2010

## **Register for 2010 Built Green® Conference by Friday!**

The premier green-building event in the Northwest is next week. The annual Built Green Conference will be held next Friday, March 12, 2010, at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, Wash. Come see Professor David Orr speak, and stay for the best educational line-up the Built Green Conference has ever provided. The date is quickly approaching, so reserve your space at this year's conference by registering online before Friday, March 5th, at midnight for regular pricing. (link to [www.builtgreenconference.com](http://www.builtgreenconference.com)) Late registration will be available at the door the day of the event for a late-fee charge.

Building industry professionals will be provided with in-depth knowledge of the value that green-building certification can add to residential properties while highlighting the rapidly changing nature of green design as architects and builders push technology and innovation further. The conference will offer an impressive lineup of educational sessions this year that will cover a multitude of topics including Making the Market: A discussion of Forces Driving our Market; All Dressed up Green & Nowhere to Go: the State of Lending & Appraising Green; and Thinking Like a Thermos: Achieving Net-Zero Energy using the Passive House Standard.

This year, Built Green is opening up the trade floor to the general public from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. where anyone will be able to learn about green-building technology and services to make homes more energy efficient and environmentally friendly.

Our distinguished speaker, Professor David Orr, will be delivering the keynote address this year. Mr. Orr is the Paul Sears Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics at Oberlin College and is the author of "Design on the Edge: The Making of a High Performance Building." Mr. Orr raised funds and led the effort to design and build a \$7.2 million Environmental Studies Center at Oberlin, a building described by The New York Times as one of 30 "Milestone" buildings of the 20th century. Orr brings into focus the evolving nature of green design, the connection between building design and the environment, and the increasingly important role building design plays in protecting and enhancing the natural world.



For complete information on the conference program, educational sessions, exhibits and registration, please visit our [website](#).

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**Mission**

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## **New Members**

Are you a Built Green member and a member of the Master Builders Association? Then your company is designated with a small green tree on the Master Builders Association [website](#) as a Built Green member. Your company is also listed on the Built Green [website](#).

## **Built Green Awards**

### **Join us for the 2010 Built Green Awards Reception**

Join us the evening before the Built Green Conference for our annual Built Green Awards Ceremony. The presentation of the 2010 Built Green Hammer Awards, Statewide Built Green Washington

**Non-Profit**

Built Green is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization accepting donations to promote green building and education programs

Welcome to our newest member companies!

[BrightWork Builders](#)  
(206) 650-5165 in Seattle

[Fred Dowdy Co Inc](#)  
(509) 548-1079 in Leavenworth

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**Jason Randall**  
(425) 466-3033 in Kirkland

**N D H Real Estate**  
(323) 919-6841 in Seattle

**The Biffle Co**  
(425) 420-7755 in Snohomish

## Statistics

Total homes certified since 2000  
14,813

Total homes certified 2010  
128

Total BG member companies  
745

## Resources

[Construction Works](#)

[EnergyStar](#)

[Checklists](#)

[Northwest EnergyStar](#)

## Classes

Classes listed below are approved workshops for fulfilling the annual Built Green education requirement for certifying projects.

### [Introduction to Built Green®](#) **Tuesday, April 13, MBA Housing Center, Bellevue**

The February session of of this seminar, previously scheduled for Feb. 9, has been changed to April 13 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the MBA Housing Center, 335 116th Ave. SE in Bellevue. This seminar provides an introduction to the Built Green program. Learn how to certify a project, use the checklist, join, navigate the program and take advantage of our other resources. The seminar presents examples of projects and covers how to fill out the Built Green checklist. This orientation has a cost of \$30 and is required in order to certify homes as Built Green. Register [here](#).

### [EPA-Certified Lead Renovator Training](#) **March 23, 25 and 31, MBA Housing Center, Bellevue**

This eight-hour course trains renovation, repair and painting contractors how to work safely in housing with lead-based paint and comply with EPA's Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Rule and HUD's Lead Safe Housing Rule. Topics include health concerns; regulations; before, during and after work procedures; recordkeeping; and training non-certified workers. This training is required for any contractor who is involved in any construction activity that now has or will have the potential to contact lead-based paint. Register [here](#).

### [Campus Ecology: Sustainability and Urban Campuses Webinar](#)

**March 4, Webinar**  
This webinar will focus on how urban colleges and universities are greening their campuses while overcoming challenges faced by their unique environment and sometimes large commuter population. Register [here](#).

### [Vegetative Roof Systems for Roofing](#)

Awards and Built Green Pioneer Awards will honor 2009's best Built Green projects and green-building leaders from around the state. This ceremony will take place the evening before the conference on Thursday, March 11, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency in Bellevue.

This will be a great opportunity to meet innovative green builders from around the state, as well as to support some of the most beautiful and environmentally responsible projects throughout our region and the builders who created them.

To register or for more information on the Built Green Awards Ceremony please click [here](#), call (425) 451-7920 or e-mail [events@mbaks.com](mailto:events@mbaks.com).

\*This event is not included in the conference registration.



## Events

### [3rd Annual Sustainable Development & Green Building Conference](#)

**March 25, Seattle, WA**

This year's conference will explore making land-use planning decisions( including water- and energy-use questions consistent with economic development objectives) and how to sync up those decisions with local, state and federal policy initiatives. They'll discuss energy development; water use; the major statutes governing land use; new legislation; local, state and federal policy initiatives; and the institutional roadblocks to success. With the tools for combining economic, environmental and planning objectives, attendees will take home a powerful set of strategies for improving local and regional planning.

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

### [EcoVative Building Conference and Expo](#)

**April 22-23, Hilton Hotel, Portland**

The Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland is excited to announce their, bigger than ever, EcoVative Building Conference and Expo. Coinciding with Earth Day, EcoVative 2010 will take place April 22-23 in the Green-Seal Certified Hilton Hotel in downtown Portland. Click [here](#) for more information.

### [Living Future Conference](#)

**May 5-7, The Westin, Seattle**

Living Future isn't like other conferences. It's an intimate and vibrant "unconference" for those at the leading edge of the green-building movement. It calls us to think big and act even bigger. If your product or service is part of the solution to creating a truly sustainable built environment, you should be an exhibitor at Living Future's Tradeshow in Seattle from May 5-7, 2010. Anticipated attendance is 600 to 800 people, with an additional 200 expected to attend the Opening Keynote on May 5. Exhibitors will share ideas with decision makers at leading green-building firms, generate highly qualified leads and participate as an essential part of the "unconference" experience. Presented by Cascadia Region Green Building Council.

Register [here](#).

**Contractors****March 11, Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport, Seattle**

The National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA) will be conducting a one-day conference about building a profitable vegetative roof systems business. "Vegetative Roof Systems for Roofing Contractors: Your Rewards, Responsibilities and Risks" is contractor-focused but designed for anyone interested in properly designing, installing and maintaining vegetative roof systems. For more information, click [here](#).

**Rain Garden Workshop****March 18, Bothell and March 30, Seattle**

Stewardship Partners presents two free rain garden workshops. Learn how to build your own rain garden to help soak up rainwater from downspouts, driveways, and sidewalks while protecting our local waterways. Advance registration required. Suggested donation is \$10. At the workshop, you'll receive a free rain garden manual and additional materials. You can also start designing your own rain garden during the class! There will be opportunities to gain further hands-on experience by helping create rain gardens later in the summer.

For more information or to register, please contact Stacey at (206) 292-9875 or visit the [website](#).

**Solar Home Design Class****March 20, Shoreline Community College campus, Shoreline**

Basic home energy types, systems, characteristics and conservation. The emphasis is on practical design issues including system types, characteristics, sizing, heat storage, construction details, efficiencies and costs. Green-building materials and systems are discussed throughout. Chris Herman, CPBD, is the owner of Winter Sun Design, which was established in 1987. He is also the co-founder of the Northwest Eco-Building Guild and the Solar Washington Association.

For more information, click [here](#).

**Building Remodel and Historic Preservation: Green Greener Greenest Lecture Series****March 23, Renton Technical College, Renton**

Panel Presentation: Building Remodel and Historic Preservation: Knowing when to hold'em and how to fold'em saves energy and resources. Register [here](#).

**Brownfields: Clean up from Start to Finish****March 23, EOS Alliance (NWETC) Headquarters, Seattle**

From an introduction to Brownfields, all the way through to redevelopment, this course provides a complete overview of the Brownfields process. Participants will become versed in funding the assessment, cleanup and redevelopment of Brownfields, as well as the intricacies involved in managing a Federal grant. Those taking the class will be introduced to the basic concepts of Federal Brownfields law. This course will delve into effective assessment techniques, provide conceptual knowledge of current remediation practices and the look at different approaches necessary to tackle rural and urban Brownfields sites. Register [here](#).

**RainWise: Installing Rain Gardens and Cisterns****Tuesday March 30, UW Center for Urban Horticulture, Seattle**

Sponsored by Seattle Public Utilities. Free. Lunch is included.

For licensed professionals only. Pre-registration

**New Certifications**

Congratulations to **Harrison Construction & Restoration LLC** for certifying their new-construction single-family home project at 4520 35th Ave NE. in Seattle as **3-star Built Green**; **Bauer Homes Inc** for certifying their new-construction single-family home at 17044 140th CT NE in Woodinville as **3-star Built Green**; **G.A.Powell Construction** for certifying their new-construction single-family home project at 28407 Pioneer Hwy in Stanwood as **3-Star Built Green**; **Velocipede Architects, Inc.** for certifying a remodel project at 1000 25th Ave E in Seattle as a **4-Star Built Green**; **Rick Burnstead Construction Co.** for certifying their new-construction single-family home projects at 11511 176th Ct NE in Redmond and 36011 SE Kendall Peak St in Snoqualmie as **3-Star Built Green**; **Shirey Contracting, Inc.** for certifying their new-construction single-family home project at 840 West Lake Sammamish Parkway in Bellevue as **5-Star Built Green**; Beau Development, Inc. for certifying their new-construction seven-unit townhome project at S Norman St in Seattle as **3-Star Built Green**; **Quadrant Homes** for certifying their new-construction 56-unit single-family home projects at Redmond Ridge East Division 5 in Redmond as **3-Star Built Green**; **DB2 Seattle LLC** for certifying their new-construction four-unit single-family townhome Salveo project at 36th Ave W in Seattle as **5-Star Built Green**; **W. G. Clark Construction Co.** for certifying their new-construction 122-unit multi-family mixed-use project at 1620 Broadway in Seattle as **3-Star Built Green**.

**Built Green on Facebook****Join Built Green's Facebook Page!**

Built Green is proud to debut the Built Green Facebook page just in time to promote the 2010 Built Green Conference on March 12th. If you would like to help spread the word or learn more about the conference, we encourage you to become fans of our Facebook page. Also, it would be excellent if you would share our page with any relevant personal and professional contacts who might be interested in the content. Please visit us on [Facebook](#).

For registration or more information about the Built Green Conference, please visit the [web site](#).

**King County****Seeking projects for online TV show EcoCribz**

Are you working on a green-home remodel project? King County's EcoConsumer program and Built Green are looking for three local projects to help launch King County's EcoCribz online TV series.

required and space is limited.

The City of Seattle will soon offer rebates to property owners to disconnect roof downspouts from the combined sewer system and to direct that runoff into cisterns or rain gardens. The rebates will be targeted to neighborhoods where downspout disconnection can help reduce combined sewer overflows during big rain storms. This class will prepare contractors and design/build professionals to work with owners to locate and size rain gardens or cisterns on their property, and to install those systems so they work well and meet the City's requirements for rebates on construction costs. These classes are required for contractors who want to participate in Seattle's new RainWise rebate program.

Download registration flyer [here](#).

Contact Jean Robins at [jrobins@u.washington.edu](mailto:jrobins@u.washington.edu) or (206) 685-8033 for more information.

### [EmPowering Business: Powering Profits with Energy Efficiency](#)

#### **March 31, Everett Station**

Presented by Puget Sound Energy and Snohomish County PUD. From restaurants to retail, manufacturing to corporate offices, businesses are saving energy, resources and money. Join the Everett Area Chamber of Commerce, our partners and local business leaders to learn how companies of all sizes and types are powering profits with energy efficiency. A—los, learn how you can identify savings for your business. Keynote presentations, panel discussions and display tables (continental breakfast included). Registration is requested by March 17 and is \$30 if paid by March 17 (\$35 after). Register 24/7 [here](#).

### [Public Relations Training for Environmental Professionals](#)

#### **April 6-7, EOS Alliance (NWETC) Headquarters, Seattle**

Perfecting environmental communication with the public, press, and industry. A well-designed public relations program can supercharge your organization's image, reputation and success. During this intensive two-day course, you will obtain a fundamental background on the key issues, concepts and practice of effective communications and media relations with a focus on environmental projects. The course is designed to provide participants with insight on the fundamentals and practicalities behind public relations practice in the context of protocol functions and communications planning. Register [here](#).

EcoCribz episodes will feature local contractors and homeowners who are working on projects that, for example, improve indoor air quality, increase energy efficiency or upgrade a bathroom or kitchen using environmentally friendly methods and products. The episodes will walk the viewer through the project from start to finish and use King County's EcoCool Remodel Tool ([www.ecocoolremodel.com](http://www.ecocoolremodel.com)) as a resource. Eligible projects will begin on or after May 1, 2010, and must be completed within a five- to six-month period. The first episode will premiere in October. Projects will need to be certified under the Built Green Remodel Checklist at the 4- or 5-Star level.

Homes will be selected through a competitive process as part of the 2010 Built Green Incentive. If your project is selected, the homeowner will receive a \$5,000 Built Green grant to increase their remodel budget. Each EcoCribz project must work within Built Green grant criteria and certify at a 4- or 5-Star level.

Interested? For eligibility details and selection criteria, please contact Patti Southard at King County GreenTools (206) 296-8480 or the Built Green Program at (425) 460-8238.

### [GreenTools Green Building Video Now Available Online](#)

Over the past year King County Public Affairs and GreenTools programs have been on-site at the Zero Energy Idea House at Bass Cove creating video to educate the public on the latest technologies in green building. This exciting new demonstration project has come to fruition and the video is now available on the green tools website [www.greentools.us](http://www.greentools.us) or through the following link:

[King County video](#)



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