



Homes of Distinction, Built with Integrity



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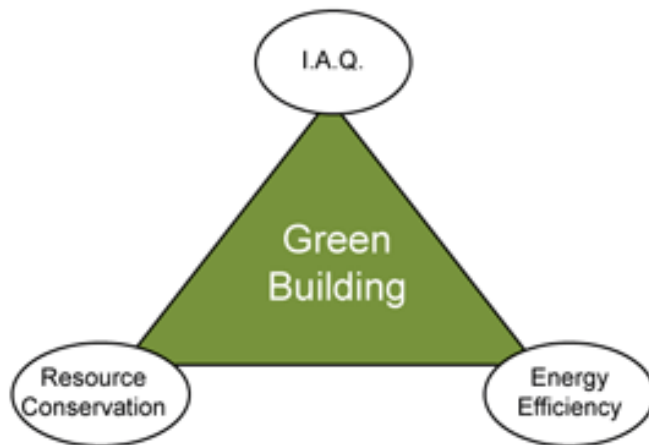


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What Is Your "IAQ"?

With consumers better understanding their role in protecting the environment and Green Building becoming more mainstream, we at Chris Donatelli Builders are finding ourselves increasingly asked about IAQ. IAQ stands for "Indoor Air Quality" and, along with Resource Conservation and Energy Efficiency, forms the triad of green building



principles. You will find that most green building products and techniques fall into one or more of these three categories. Stay tuned to future e-newsletters where we will focus on Resource Conservation and Energy Efficiency.

IAQ, an increasingly common topic covered in the press, is of particular concern due to its direct affect on a home's occupants. Without proper ventilation, dust, pet dander, pollens and chemicals (from various sources) can build up in your home and trigger allergies or other serious health issues.

Even if you are not prone to allergies, you can be adversely affected by indoor pollutants. Paints, stains, sealers, wood or plastic products and many cleaning agents can be sources of harmful chemicals. These chemicals will break down (via exposure to sunlight, water, heat, air) and emit, or "off-gas," new compounds that can be absorbed by people living in the home. Over time these compounds can collect and have detrimental effects. Symptoms such as headaches, respiratory problems, weak immune system and low energy level might be signs of an unhealthy indoor environment.



If you have small children, fragile health, or sensitivities to certain chemicals, IAQ may be a top priority for you. A wide variety of green



products and techniques can counter possible causes of bad IAQ. Remodeling is about making your home space more comfortable and suitable for your lifestyle. With green building in mind it can also be a question of your quality of life!

At Chris Donatelli Builders, our commitment to and expertise in Green Building is well-established. In fact, our founder, Chris Donatelli, was on the national task force that defined Green Building for the National Association of the Remodeling Industry, and he teaches classes on Green Building for other remodeling professionals.

Call us at 408-287-4886 to learn more about IAQ and green building technology and approaches that can improve your home environment, making it safe and comfortable for you and your family.



A [helpful diagram](#) of an "IAQ Home" is available on our website.



Our staff members hold the following industry certifications:

- Certified Remodeler
- Certified Remodeling Carpenter
- Certified Lead Carpenter
- Certified Kitchen and Bath Remodeler
- Certified Green Building Professional

Home Maintenance Reminder: Check Your Outlets for Safety

This month, take a few minutes to check all of your electrical outlets for loose-fitting plugs. If you find any, they are an indication of a worn out receptacle. Worn receptacles should be replaced as they cause overheating and fires. Also, be sure to check electrical outlets and switches to confirm they are working properly. If any switches, outlets or receptacles do not work, have a qualified electrician determine the problem and fix it to avoid fires inside the walls of your home.

We hope you enjoyed our e-newsletter. Remember, you can use the link below to forward this to friends and family who might be interested, so they can sign up for it as well. Look for us again next month!

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