



Homes of Distinction, Built with Integrity



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Chris in the News!

Chris Donatelli was recently interviewed and quoted in an article about green building for Professional Remodeler, a leading industry publication. In the article, Chris is quoted talking about the issues facing green remodeling across the nation. The article also mentions Chris' involvement in the National Association of the Remodeling Industry's Green Certified Professional program. Donatelli Castillo Builders is proud to be a leading firm in the area of green building, and we have the expertise to back it up.

The Many Shades of Green Building

More and more people are becoming interested in green building. But most people don't realize there are many different ways to make a home environmentally friendly, and that you don't have to plant a windmill in your backyard to have a green home.



Here are some ways that green buildings can help the environment:

- They use products that are made of renewable, non-toxic, non-endangered materials
- They use materials that do not require much energy to produce
- They use materials that provide the homeowner with a more energy-efficient home
- The materials are recyclable or biodegradable
- The construction method and design use less material, making the home more energy efficient or energy independent
- The products and equipment in the home are energy efficient and do not contain or create greenhouse gases or have toxic materials in them

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

- The production technique minimizes waste and the need to use landfill space any more than is absolutely necessary
- The materials are made locally and do not require much energy to transport to the job site
- The home/project is positioned to take maximum advantage of the sun, shade, the topology of the land, and winds in order to reduce the energy needed for heating and cooling
- Building science and technology are used to help maximize the home's energy efficiency

This is only a partial list of the benefits green homes can have, and, with advances in technology, new things will keep becoming possible. For example, in the future, look for solar cell technology that will look like roofing materials and is efficient enough to provide your home with all of its electricity and even let you sell some back to the electric company.

Monthly Maintenance Tip

Inspect Bathroom for Crumbling Grout or Loose Caulk

Grout and Caulk are applied to prevent water from leaking into your wall or under your floor. When they are deteriorating, leaking water can cause significant damage to your home. It should be replaced as soon as possible.

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

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