



Guide to the Green Building Guide

This Guide has been developed by the Alternative Technology Association.

The guide covers eleven areas of products and services. You can download each of these separately, or you can browse through them online. Each of the areas covers a range of topics and offers advice for further research include lists of suppliers. To help you find what you are after, we have provided a list of areas covered below. Please note that listed suppliers are offered as a guide to what is available in Victoria, and are not endorsed by Green Cross Australia or the Alternative Technology Association.

Green Building Guide Areas Covered

Finance

- Green Home Loans, Personal Loans and Car Loans
- Bendigo Bank
- Maleny Credit Union
- Hunter United
- Savings&Loans Credit Union
- Community First Credit Union
- Mecu
- Community CPS Australia Select Credit Union

Rebates and Loans for Low-Income Households

- No Interest Loans Scheme (NILs)
- Progress Loans
- Good Shepard Buying Service

Building design

- Victorian Bushfire Regulations
- Build for Life
- Design for climate: Passive solar building design
- Insulation
- Glazing

Building materials

- Concrete
- ICF blocks
- Timber
- Mudbrick
- Strawbale
- Timbercrete
- Rapidwall
- Rammed earth

Power

- Bushfire safety and power supply
 - Connected to grid
 - GreenPower
 - Solar Power
 - Wind Power
 - Grid connection and tariffs
- Not connected to the grid
 - Standalone solar
 - Stand alone wind power

Water

- Rainwater tanks
- Greywater systems
- Stormwater capture and reuse
- Solar hot water
- Heat pumps
- Saving water
 - Taps & shower heads
 - Toilets
 - Compost toilets & blackwater

Heating & Cooling

- Air conditioners
- Solar air conditioners
- Ceiling fans
 - Heaters
 - Reverse cycle air conditioners
 - Radiant heaters
 - Gas heaters
 - Gas fake flame heaters (gas log fires)
 - Gas central heating
 - Gas hydronic heating
 - Solar flat plate and box collectors
 - Wood & pellet heaters
 - Pellet heaters

Heating and Cooling (continued)

- Hydronic heating (cross reference water heating)
- Ground-sourced (geothermal) heat pumps
- Heat shifters and heat exchange ventilators
 - Heat exchange ventilators
 - Shading

Appliances

- Fridges & Freezers
- Washing machines and dryers
- TVs, DVDs & entertainment equipment

Floor Covering

- Timber
- Bamboo
- Concrete & Tiles
- Carpet, vinyl and linoleum

Paints & finishes

Backyard

- Pools
- Driveways
- Decking