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What is a Green Remodel?

It's an approach to home improvement with the goal of not only making your house *look* better, but work better—for both you and the environment. Want a healthier home? Lower utility bills? Reduced maintenance? A cleaner planet? A green remodel helps you realize a range of far-reaching benefits from a single smart design. With careful planning, you can create a landscape that combines beauty, efficiency, comfort and convenience with health and conservation.

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Why Consider a Green Remodel?

SAVE MONEY

Long-lasting, low-maintenance landscape elements prove their value over time. Salvaged and reused materials often cost a fraction of the price of new, while also providing a patina of history and character.

MAKE A HEALTHIER HOME

When you take a green approach to landscape materials selection, you realize health benefits as well as peace of mind. Most people don't realize that many landscape elements contain toxic chemicals, which then can be tracked into your home by people and pets. By making safety a priority, you can identify potential hazards in landscaping materials and then choose those that minimize your family's health risks.

REDUCE ECOLOGICAL IMPACT

When you take a green approach with a landscape project, you choose products with a range of far-reaching benefits: from materials that are easier on the environment during their manufacturing to those that help restore natural ecological functions to your landscape, and even reduce the need for supplemental water, fertilizer, pesticides, and toxic chemicals or coatings.

landscape materials

Decorative? Naturally. But your home's landscape also matters for financial reasons, as well. The right landscape can increase a home's value by 15%, according to the Association of Landscape Contractors of America. Most people think that "landscape" simply means plants. But consider the many other elements outside of your home: decks or patios, walkways, parking areas, fences, rockeries—all contribute to the way your home presents itself to the world. If any of these elements are chosen without proper care, they can create a variety of problems, from lessening your home's street appeal to releasing toxic chemicals, increasing the likelihood of flooding and polluting the greater environment.

Fortunately, you can enhance how your property looks and functions with landscape materials that are safe for both you and the environment. You'll find ecologically superior products in a range of styles, to complement your home and personal tastes. This guide will help you identify the landscape materials that meet your personal mix of priorities.

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