



City of Santa Barbara

GREEN BUILDING REQUIREMENTS FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES OVER 4,000 SQUARE FEET

- A. **Applicability.** Projects are subject to a Built Green program three-star level requirement or equivalent if all three of the following project aspects are present:
1. **Single-family residential building permit project.** The project requires a building permit; and
 2. **Over 4,000 square feet.** If construction will result in over 4,000 square feet of net floor area on the property at the conclusion of the construction, calculated pursuant to Section 28.15.083.B (“Net Floor Area”); and
 3. **500 square feet or more** of new construction or additional construction is proposed. (Remodel only projects and projects adding less than 500 square feet are not subject to this requirement).
- B. **Requirement.** The project shall meet or exceed the standards for a three-star rating under the Santa Barbara Contractors Association’s (SBCA) Education Foundation Built Green Program or equivalent program. Equivalent program examples include Green Point Rated certification, California Green Builder certification for new homes, National Green Building Certification, or Leadership in Environment Design (LEED) for homes certification.
- C. **Procedures.** The procedures below are written for applicants choosing to meet the Green Building requirement with the SB Built Green Program. Applicants choosing an equivalent program are advised to contact Design Review Staff.
1. Review the standards for three-star rating under the SB Built Green Program, available at this website: <http://www.builtgreensb.org/checklists.html>
 2. Register the project on the SB Built Green Program website by following these steps:
 - a. **Enroll the project in the SB Built Green Program** (www.builtgreensb.org). For further enrollment information, contact the SB Built Green Non-Profit Education Foundation at (805) 884-1100 or email info@builtgreensb.org or visit the SB Built Green office at: 914 A Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.
 - b. **Attend an orientation** by Built Green staff.
 - c. **Submit the project and checklist to the SB Built Green Program** at the three-star level or higher. Built Green Staff will then place the project on the Built Green website.
 - d. **Format, reproduce and fill out the SB Built Green Program checklist** on the plans and include the information in a SFDB or HLC Design Review submittal prior to Preliminary Approval. Key the points to plan sheets. Make corresponding notes on the plan sheets as to how each point item is achieved.

Important: All of the above steps must be completed **before** SFDB or HLC Preliminary Approval can be granted. Final Zoning clearance for building permit issuance will not be granted until the above requirements are met.

Note: Projects subject to mandatory three-star SB Built Green requirements are not eligible for expedited building permit plan check unless the project is at least SB Built Green five stars or equivalent.

For further information: Contact Design Review Staff at (805) 564-5470.