



WHAT DOES ENERGY SMART MEAN?

Along with designing TERRAPIN GREEN as a conservation development, we support the concepts of sustainable building which we call Energy Smart. The basic goals of Energy Smart building are to create homes that meet the needs of homeowners while enhancing environmental health by conserving natural resources, lessening environmental threats, and reducing the impact of construction on both people and the environment.

When we didn't know better, we couldn't build better. Now we know. A high performance home may cost slightly more upfront but will cost less to live in and operate which will save you money for years, be better for you and the environment, healthier, safer, and more comfortable to live in. You can also save money by building smaller; design so that every bit of your new energy smart home is used by and useful to you.

If your goal is to stay in your new home for as long as possible, building energy smart can include design choices such as (1) a home entrance without steps, (2) wider doorways and hallways, (3) the master bedroom and bath on the first floor, (4) door handle levers instead of knobs, (5) all energy star appliances and energy efficient systems throughout, (6) low to no maintenance exteriors, and (7) advanced framing and building science techniques, just to name a few.

In summary, when you think of energy smart building think: improvements in building science and technology, low and no maintenance products, energy efficient appliances, safety and comfort features, as well as the lowest interest rates, low land costs, and competitive construction costs. This just may be the attractive buying opportunity you can't afford to miss.

Ask for a copy of our handouts: "Going Green" and "Building Green" and visit our website at www.TerrapinGreen.com and go to our Green Guidance page for links to many more sites on Energy Smart building.