

EcoCool Remodel Tool

Overview

What is the [EcoCool Remodel Tool](#)? This free, interactive online tool is a fun, engaging way to get helpful green remodeling tips and resources, by exploring a virtual home room by room, as well as outside of the home, and by common remodel topics. In each room, you can click on an informational icon to pull up relevant sustainable remodeling strategies and tips, and go further in your research and exploration by clicking through to the “More Information” pages which include detailed information and helpful resources.

Below is a list of home areas and topics covered by this tool.

Explore by Rooms or Areas:

- Home Exterior
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Utility Room
- Living Room
- Bedroom
- Addition
- Garage
- Yard
- Roof
- Crawlspace

Explore by Remodel Topics:

- Plumbing
- Heating, Cooling, & Ventilation
- Paints & Coatings
- Lighting
- Flooring
- And last but not least, there are also two downloadable and print-friendly resources- a Contractor Checklist and a Materials Checklist.

When is This Applicable?

Anytime! Whether you are remodeling a single room, a whole house, or just interested in greening your daily living, you will find valuable information and resources in this tool.

The Contractor Checklist is a great resource to review in advance and then use it to help guide interviews with prospective contractors **before** you hire. Likewise, the Materials Checklist is a helpful resource to help navigate the many product and materials choices **before** you buy.

What Makes it Green?

Awareness and knowledge are keys to reducing your environmental impact and the EcoCool Remodel Tool provides indispensable insights, resources, and advice for sustainable living and building.

These tips help you:

- Protect your family’s health through best practices;
- Conserve resources and save money through energy efficiency;



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- Save money with wise product choices that emphasize long life and durable, easier-to-maintain products;
 - Protect your site through best practices related to landscaping and water flow control; and
 - Save time researching considerations for your project.

The screenshot shows the King County website header with navigation links: Home, News, Services, Comments, Search. Below is the Solid Waste Division header with the slogan "reduce, reuse, recycle" and a search bar. The main content area features the "Green Tools" logo and the title "Eco-Cool Remodel Tool". A central navigation bar contains buttons for: House, Garage, Kitchen, Bedroom, Exterior, Utility room, Bathroom, Addition, Living room, Crawspace, Roof, Yard, Materials, and Contractor. The main visual is a 3D cutaway illustration of a house under construction, showing the interior layout and exterior structure. A sidebar on the left lists various categories such as Garage, Kitchen, Bedroom, Exterior, Utility Room, Bathroom, Addition, Living Room, Crawspace, Roof, Yard, Materials, Energy, Lighting, Paints and Coatings, Plumbing, Contractor, EcoCribz, GreenTools for Builders & Homeowners, King County Green Building, Construction & Demolition Recycling, King County Sustainable Cities, GreenTools Newsletter, Contacts, Calendar, News, Documents, and Links.



Resources

For the complete King County Green Building Handbook and individual Green Sheet PDF files, please visit our website at: <http://kingcounty.gov/property/permits/publications/greenbuild.aspx>. For additional information, please email dperwebinquiries@kingcounty.gov or call 206-296-6600.



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