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ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE DESIGN KIT

Want
to find out
MORE?

City of Darebin
Planning
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www.darebin.vic.gov.au

There are a number of web-based resources and guides available to aid residents and developers achieve more sustainable outcomes. Some of these are included in the links below. Additional information on specific sustainability categories can be found within each of the Sustainable Design in the Planning Process (SDAPP) factsheets.

Green Building Design, Pasive Solar Design, Renovating and Buying Advise

Your Home

<http://www.yourhome.gov.au/>

Website providing a wide range of advice and design guides for passive design and sustainable building. Includes Your Home Renovator's Guide, Your Home Buyer's Guide and Your Home Technical Manual. The technical manual is the most useful for new developments.

Moreland Energy Foundation (MEFL)

<http://www.mefl.com.au/>

A not-for-profit organisation dedicated to sustainable energy, providing information and...

Materials

Ecospecifier

<http://www.ecospecifier.com.au/>

Website that lists over 5000 sustainable building products.

Good Environmental Choice Australia (GECA)

<http://www.geca.org.au/>

GECA is a product database of goods and services that are better for the environment.

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Rating Tools

STEPS and Sustainable Design Scorecard (SDS)

<http://www.sustainablesteps.com.au/>

Green Star

<http://www.gbca.org.au/green-star/>

The Green Star Rating tools from the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) for multi-residential, offices, retail, communities, education, etc.

National Australian Built Environment Rating System

<http://www.nabers.gov.au/public/WebPages/Home.aspx>

Rates the operational impacts of residential buildings on the environment.

Nationwide Housing Energy Environment Ratings Scheme (NatHERS)

<http://www.nathers.gov.au>

NatHERS enables the design of a home to be assessed for the potential energy use required for heating and cooling. Examples are First Rate and Accurate. The ratings must be conducted by a registered energy assessor from ABSA or the BDAV.

<http://www.absa.net.au>

<http://www.bdav.org.au/thermal-performance-assessors>

Timber

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

<http://au.fsc.org/>

Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)

<http://www.forestrystandard.org.au>

Transport and Bike Parking

The Bicycle Parking Handbook

<http://bicyclenetwork.com.au/general/bike-parking-experts/409/>

Urban Ecology and Landscaping

Growing Green Guide

<http://www.growinggreeningguide.org>

Detailed information on green walls, green facades and green roofs.

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Waste

Sustainable Victoria

<http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/>

Guidelines for Preparing a Waste Reduction Strategy for Construction

<http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/publications-and-research/publications/publications-w-z>

Water and Stormwater

STORM

<http://storm.melbournewater.com.au/>

A rating tool developed by Melbourne Water to assess whether best practice stormwater quality objectives have been achieved by your site.

STORM Help

http://storm.melbournewater.com.au/help/treatment_types.asp

Melbourne Water

<http://www.melbournewater.com.au/>

Website full of useful information on collecting and recycling water, stormwater, stormwater pollution and treatment types.

Tankulator

<http://www.tankulator.ata.gov.au>

A free online tool that helps you calculate what size rainwater tank best suits your needs.

The Right Water

<http://www.trightwater.vic.gov.au>

State Government information on using tap, rain and recycled water for the appropriate purpose.

Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (WELS)

<http://www.waterrating.gov.au>

Consumers can use WELS to select the most water efficient products available such as showers, taps and toilets.