



Advanced Built. Individually Inspired.

Our History & Philosophy

History

ABODE has a legacy that dates back more than 50 years, when our fathers started building homes together. This generation has been building homes and New England communities for more than 20 years – *thousands* of homes in fact!

We have created a system that ensures better quality, affordability, energy efficiency, and client satisfaction than ever before. We have taken the best of the old traditions and infused them with the most advanced building systems available today.

Most importantly, our history has afforded us an unrivaled depth of experience that results in a high level of quality and customer service, regardless of your lifestyle and investment goals.

Philosophy

Our philosophy is simple. Do it right.

At ABODE, we believe that success is dependent upon doing the right thing in the right way. Just wanting to deliver a quality home and make customers happy is not enough. Building a home is a big decision, and we help you make smart decisions every step of the way.

You have to design a system that ensures it happens consistently. You have to pay attention to details, communicate well and work at it every day. You have to care.

Only then you can be successful. And that's what makes going to work every day worthwhile (and fun).



WHAT WE DID TO MAKE OUR MODEL HOME GREEN

Green building is as much about design strategy as about selecting green materials. Thinking about how the home should work as a system and designing that system to be environmentally friendly is a key part of green building.

Save Energy: Energy Efficiency & Site Orientation

- We designed our home to maximize space and comfort while minimizing square footage, thereby reducing your energy cost.
- We sited our home to realize solar gain in the winter, with trees on the north-west side providing windbreaks. Strategic window placement provides cross ventilation and maximizes southern exposure. Generous overhangs and covered entries provide protection from the elements and summer sun keeping the home cooler in summer.
- 2" x 6" construction with Icynene foam provide R23 insulation in the walls, blown in cellulose insulation in the attic is R52, and Insulated Concrete Foundation (ICF) attains R24.
- We installed materials and products that reduce heating and cooling loads such as high-quality energy efficient windows and doors, high-performance insulation, and quality sealants to prevent air leakage.
- We installed products that use less energy, such as Energy Star rated appliances and lighting, and high efficiency heating and cooling systems.
- We installed low maintenance and sustainable Trex decking and 30 year architectural roof shingles.

Conserve Water

- We installed products and appliances that conserve water above and beyond what is

- required by code, such as dual flush toilets, power assist toilets, low flow shower heads, high efficiency on-demand hot water heaters.
- We installed a low consumption drip irrigation system, native landscaping, drought tolerant plantings, and minimal lawn area from conservation seeding mix.

Contribute to a Safe, Healthy Indoor Environment

- To ensure a dry basement we placed 12" of stone beneath the footings with a 4" perforated drain pipe to daylight, the foundation is waterproofed and the final grade is tamped and sloped away from the foundation.
- To ensure all wood products are dry we used advanced construction technologies.
- We installed a high energy-efficient, quiet, heat recovery ventilation system that contributes to good interior ventilation and provides a source of filtered outside, fresh make-up air to exchange stale inside air.
- We installed products that block the spread of and/or remove indoor pollutants through effective ventilation equipment and Merv 11 air filters.
- We installed timed bathroom exhaust fans and kitchen fans to vent outside. Energy Star rated ceiling fans are installed throughout.
- We used products that do not release significant pollutants in the home, such as no-VOC paints,

carpets and pads, and non-toxic caulks, sealers and adhesives.

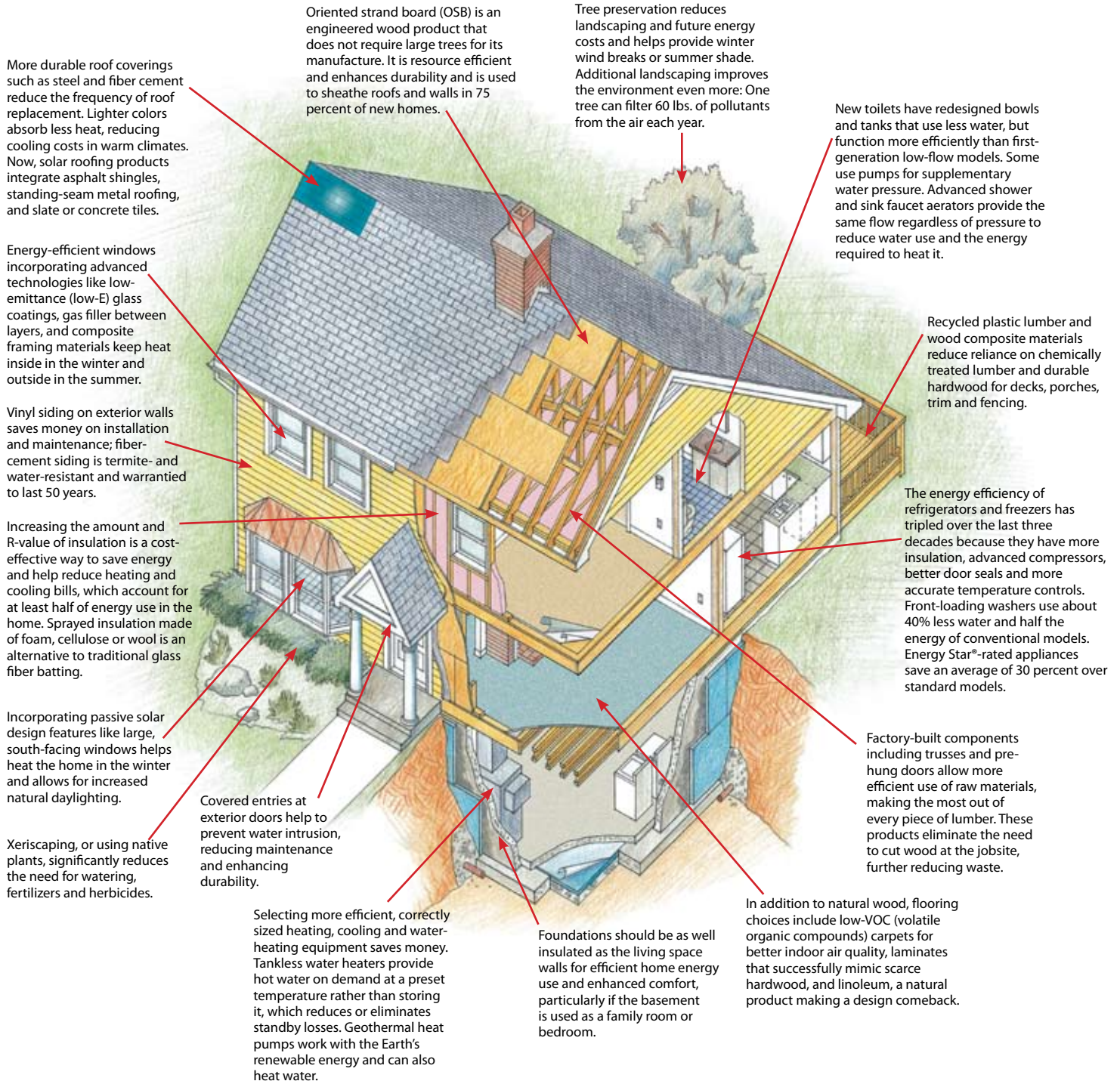
- To help eliminate the need for pesticides, we kept wood 12" above the soil, included no wood-to-concrete connections, installed corrosion proof insect screen, and placed a 3" barrier of stone around the foundation.

Protect Natural Resources

- We sited the home to save old growth trees and natural wetland areas and designed landscape features to encourage wildlife habitat.
- We utilized advanced technologies to minimize on-site fabrication and its inherent waste of material.
- We installed products with recycled content, such as carpet, carpet pad, sheetrock, decking, countertops, roof shingles, and insulation materials, and salvaged products such as the reclaimed oak floors.
- We installed wood products from sustainably managed forests, certified according to the principals of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

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WHAT IS GREEN BUILDING?

Green building is a catch-all phrase used to describe environmentally friendly construction. It includes many different aspects of the home, from planting shade trees to save energy to installing water efficient plumbing. But, while green building is driven by a desire to reduce the environmental impact of your home, it's also healthier for you.

Green homes consider your pocketbook. They cost less to heat, cool and maintain, and—if you ever decide to sell—they're usually worth more.

WHY BUY A GREEN HOME?

- 1.) **Energy Savings.** Because of increased water and energy efficiency, you'll save thousands of dollars over the life of your home.
- 2.) **Indoor Air Quality.** Green homes feature superior indoor air quality, which improves their overall livability. Green builders reduce pollutants such as chemicals and mold, and improve ventilation so your family can breathe easier.
- 3.) **Less Maintenance.** Green homes are designed to minimize the amount of time and money required to maintain them. Imagine all that extra time you'll have to spend with your family.
- 4.) **Peace of Mind.** Green homes are built with the environment in mind. From energy and water efficiency, to reduced construction waste and the use of renewable materials, you can take pride in the fact that your home has less negative impact on the environment.

HOW GREEN ARE YOU?

- Interested in saving money, by tracking monthly bills.
- Willing to pay more for a return on your investment.
- Believe in the health benefits of indoor air quality.
- Prefer to live near public transportation or in a community setting.
- Interested in the status of Green products and services.
- Uninterested or unaware of green building advantages?

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