

Sustainable Homes: Resources for Residents

Starting points:

Living Greener website (www.livinggreener.gov.au)

This provides information about living more sustainably and relevant government programs and financial support.

Sustainable Homes and Communities Program

(www.sustainablecommunities.vic.gov.au)

This website is the registration point for free workshops (2011-13) which offer participants practical ways to save money and live more sustainably. There are many useful resources and links.

Make Your Home Green website

(www.makeyourhomegreen.vic.gov.au)

How to make your home more sustainable.

Resource Smart website

(www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au)

Information about reducing our impact on the environment.

Your Have the Power Save Energy website

(www.saveenergy.vic.gov.au)

This website explains why it is important to save energy in the home. It includes information on the Energy Saver Incentive.

Climate Communities website (www.climatecommunities.vic.gov.au)

Everything you need to know to take practical action on climate change.

More advanced:

Your Home (website and technical manual) (www.yourhome.gov.au)

In-depth guide and tools developed to encourage the design, construction or renovation of homes to be comfortable, healthy and more environmentally sustainable.

Community resources:

Shmecoco website and online community

(www.shmecoco.com)

Invites people to exchange their ideas and stories on sustainability.

Sustainable House Day (www.sustainablehouseday.com)

This annual national event showcases the home sustainability initiatives undertaken by homeowners with free guided tours.

Rebates and financial assistance:

<http://www.vic.gov.au/government-economy/budgets-funding-rebates/rebates.html>

The Victoria Online website is the fastest way to find local, state and federal government information and services

See also the relevant sections of:

www.livinggreener.gov.au

www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au

www.climatecommunities.vic.gov.au

www.saveenergy.vic.gov.au – Energy Saver Incentive section

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Environmentally Sustainable Development:

Resources for Developers

Your Development website

(www.yourdevelopment.org)

Your Development Provides fact sheets, case studies, user comments and links on sustainable urban development. Your Development is a national project developed in partnership between CSIRO and the Federal Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage, and the Arts. Content has been written and reviewed by leading researchers and industry experts.

Your Building website (www.yourbuilding.org)

Your Building provides a range of resources on greening the performance of commercial property. It connects building investors, designers, managers and occupants to smart ideas and 'know how'. Your Building was developed by the CRC for Construction Innovation for the Federal Government and has since been purchased and maintained by The Property Council of Australia.

Victorian Government rebates & grants

(www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au)

See the relevant sections for households and businesses.

Australian Government rebates & grants

See the following:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/about/programs/index.html>,

<http://www.climatechange.gov.au/en/government/programs-and-rebates.aspx>

<http://www.livinggreener.gov.au/rebates-assistance>

Sustainable business links and resources:

Moreland Energy Foundation Limited

(www.mefl.com.au)

MEFL provides information, support and consultancy on reducing energy use and emissions from residential and commercial sources. It provides specialist training in energy efficiency, building design and management for emissions reductions.

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