



# National Green Building Certification

## Maximizing the Value of Your Verification 5 Ways to Get the Most out of Your Builder-Verifier Experience

### 1. Select an Accredited Verifier

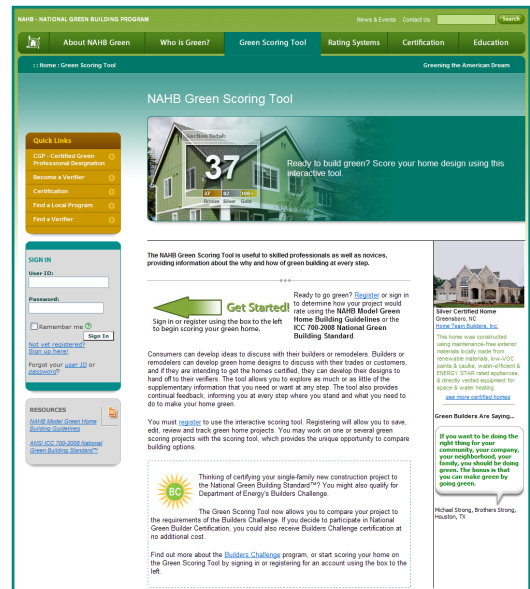
The most important early step toward National Green Building Certification is to select a verifier that has been accredited by the NAHB Research Center. The Research Center only accepts Verification Reports from verifiers that have passed the verifier's test and have demonstrated that they hold an adequate amount of liability insurance. All accredited verifiers are listed on the NAHBGreen website – [www.nahbgreen.org/Certification/findverifier.aspx](http://www.nahbgreen.org/Certification/findverifier.aspx).

### 2. Involve Your Verifier Early in the Process

Verifiers are required to notify the Research Center prior to the rough inspection, conduct the rough and final inspections, and submit the Verification Reports and necessary documentation to the Research Center for a project to become Green Certified. However, verifiers can do much more for their builder/remodeler/developer clients. It can be especially helpful for builders new to the certification process to involve their verifier early in the process. Verifiers often can help builders incorporate additional green practices into their projects that otherwise may not have been considered. Or, they can help builders make the most economical and market-appropriate choices for a project. Verifiers have expertise in what green practices are most cost-effective and easiest to implement.

### 3. Consider Using Your Verifier to Score Your Project

Some builders prefer to have their verifiers score projects using the online Green Scoring Tool to save time and take advantage of the verifier's expertise. All verifiers have access to the Verifier's Resource Guide, a comprehensive, continually-updated manual that provides guidance on how to verify every green practice claimed for certification. Only accredited verifiers have access to and permission to use this copyrighted document.



## 4. Work with Your Verifier to Customize the Verification Reports

Any verifier working with a builder who plans to certify more than 25 homes utilizing fairly uniform green practices can request the Research Center to develop a customized Verification Report to help streamline the verification inspections. This can be a time and money saver for builders building a high volume of similarly-green homes.

## 5. Build a Documentation Library

Like anything new, the first project that you submit for National Green Building Certification is always the hardest. Not only are some of the green practices unfamiliar, but many require specific documentation. Often the documentation required is not specific to that project being certified, but to a green practice or product being used. For example, if a product meets the criteria in Section 604 for recycled content, and you intend to use this product in other green projects, save the documentation for easy use and access for future green certifications. This will further streamline the process with your verifier.

For more information, please contact us at [www.nahbgreen.org/ContactUs](http://www.nahbgreen.org/ContactUs).