

Buildings References

Website	Link
Action Energy can provide a design advice service, it provides consultancy on sustainable buildings for new developments or major refurbishment of buildings.	http://www.actionenergy.co.uk/
Bench Mark Homes from New Zealand aims to continually set new benchmarks in home building, design, quality and innovation.	http://www.benchmarkhomes.co.nz/
BREEAM Buildings can be used to assess the environmental performance of any type of building (new and existing).	http://www.breeam.org/
Carbon Trust has launched a new service called Action Energy to give energy advice to businesses.	http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/energy/
Communities and Local Government sets policy on local government, housing, urban regeneration, planning and fire and rescue.	http://www.communities.gov.uk/
Construction Marketing Services (CMS) is an New Zealand based organisation that developed the initiative of ' <i>Future Proof Buildings</i> ' in order to educate the market place on the importance of building to accommodate the demands of tomorrow's lifestyles as well as today's, thus promoting better building practices.	http://www.cmsgroup.co.nz/fpb.html
Consumer Energy Centre of the California Energy Commission offered cold weather energy-saving tips for businesses	http://www.consumerenergycenter.org/tips/business_winter.html
DEFRA provides policy options to encourage energy efficiency in the SMEs and public sector.	http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment
Energy Saving Advice offers impartial advice on energy saving.	http://www.energysavingadvice.co.uk/energy-saving-products/
Energy Saving Trust has set up SME Energy Efficiency Advice Centres to advice SMEs, providing free energy audits, visits and advice.	http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/
Environment Trust works with its partners to increase the number of quality, affordable workspaces available to local social enterprises.	http://www.envirotrust.org/
Envirowise Envirowise offers for free best practice publications and training for environment and waste management improvements.	http://www.envirowise.gov.uk/water Envirowise has produced the following publications for water saving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Green efficiency: running a cost-effective, environmentally aware office</i> (GG256); ▪ <i>Tracking Water Use to Cut Costs</i> (GG152R); ▪ <i>Saving money through waste minimisation: reducing water use</i> (GG26R); ▪ <i>Cost-effective water saving devices and practices - for commercial sites</i> (GG522); and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Costeffective water saving devices and practices - for industrial sites (GG523)</i>
<p>Friends of the Earth - Greening the Office provides useful factsheets about water, energy etc and an online audit tool</p>	<p>http://www.green-office.org.uk/</p>
<p>Future-Proof Building concept re-enforces the ideals of quality and excellence, which are of paramount importance to reinforcing consumer confidence in the building industry, and to improve the overall quality.</p>	<p>http://www.fpb.co.nz/</p>
<p>Green Spec is the UK construction industry's definitive guide to 'green' building design, products, specification and construction. They also provide a checklist on building design.</p>	<p>http://www.greenspec.co.uk/html/checklist</p>
<p>New Zealand green buildings council are a Non-Government Organization (NGO) made up of industry leaders who are committed to developing market based solutions that help deliver efficient, healthier, innovative buildings for New Zealand</p>	<p>http://www.nzgbc.org.nz/</p>
<p>Your Building web portal is the key online Australian resource about sustainable commercial buildings. It provides information for all those involved across the building life cycle - from investors, owners, and occupiers to developers, builders, designers, and facility managers.</p>	<p>http://www.yourbuilding.org/</p>