

Green Home Renovations

Scotland is committed to an 80% cut in CO₂ emissions by 2050, and it is estimated that most of the buildings we will have by then have already been built. Green renovations are therefore vital to the wellbeing of our planet!

While it can be easier to achieve energy efficiency in new-builds, it uses less carbon to renovate than it does to start from scratch.

Although the start of the design process is the ideal time to start thinking about these issues, there is still a lot that can be done further down the line, whether you are at the Building Standards stage of a new build project or are renovating an existing building.

As well as protecting the environment, green renovations can create healthier homes and can save money too.

Useful Information

- The [Scottish Ecological Design Association \(SEDA\)](#) provides advice on issues such as 'designing for deconstruction', airtightness and reduced chemical content
- [The Green Register](#) is a not-for-profit membership organisation offering expert and unbiased training on sustainable building practices to all disciplines of the construction industry. It also lists local construction professionals who are committed to sustainable practices.
- [GreenSpec](#) provides a wealth of information on green building, design, products, specification and construction
- [Glasgow Wood Recycling](#) can help by taking unwanted wood and re-using it in a way that benefits the local community
- [Freecycle](#) is another useful resource – members can advertise used or surplus materials and can pick up many bargains!