

AWARDS

Winners receive an inscribed plaque with a photo of the award winning project and substantial publicity including promotion in the awards banquet production, promotion in news releases to all local media, promotion in the *E-Builder* Newsletter, the *Vermont Builder* magazine, the Better Homes Awards Magazine, coverage at the Vermont Home & Garden Show and the October supplement in the Burlington Free Press. All entrants are displayed at the HBRA booth at the Vermont Home & Garden Show (via the full color program). Winners may order extra copies of their award(s), at their expense (usually about \$80/each), as well as copies of their winning video that is shown at the banquet, by contacting Connie Brigham at the Home Builders and Remodelers Association.

Judging Criteria

The following criteria shall establish the framework from which winners will be selected:

1. Building Design
2. Efficient utilization of space
3. Innovative use of materials, products, or construction practices
4. Compatibility with existing environment
5. Site design and landscape
6. Energy saving design and materials
7. Craftsmanship
8. Handling of Permit Requirements
9. Cost-Efficient construction and project value as measured by dollars/square foot.

The judging criteria for the **Environmental Excellence Award** is as follows:

Preservation of existing exceptional site conditions such as minimal tree cutting and preservation of existing wetlands or water features. Use of environmentally friendly materials such as recycled materials and non-toxic materials. Innovative and environmentally sound use of day lighting strategies to enhance the connection between indoors and outdoors. Low impact of construction process on existing environmental conditions.

**When writing your project descriptions, please include information relevant to this award if applicable.*

The judging criteria for the **Energy Efficiency Award** is as follows:

The project will exemplify energy efficiency, incorporate innovation, and maintains indoor air quality. Some features that will be considered will include: siting for solar gain, insulation levels and installation quality, window selection and placement, air tightness, appliance efficiency (if applicable), lighting solutions, and mechanical ventilation system.

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The judging criteria for the **Website categories** is as follows:

The Better Homes Awards judges will judge websites based on six criteria: content, structure and navigation, visual design, functionality, interactivity, and overall experience.

Judging:

Is done by another Home Builders Association and is *anonymous*. This is why your pictures (and having ***before pictures*** on remodels) and entry descriptions are important. Please contact Connie Brigham @ 876-6200 x11 or cbrigham@vtbuilders.com for more information on the judging.

Project Description

List your project's best features and keep in mind:

- What makes the project unique and special - worthy of entry?
- Details about site, materials, orientation, creative use of space, homeowners' special needs, architecture, the location, construction difficulties, budget, anything that had an impact.
- Humorous anecdotes accepted! Remember this is fun!
- Also, please review the judging criteria for the Environmental Excellence and Energy Efficiency Award and include any pertinent information relevant to these awards.
- Please attach your description to the entry form. (*Whenever possible, also email this description to cbrigham@vtbuilders.com).
- DESCRIPTIONS are **IMPORTANT!** Please put effort into them.
- Please limit your descriptions to two pages.

2011 Categories:

- A) Best Landscaping
- B) Commercial – New/Renovation
- C) Condominium
- D) Residential Renovation under \$100,000
- E) Residential Renovation \$100,000 - \$250,000
- F) Residential Renovation \$251,000 - \$400,000
- G) Residential Renovation over \$401,000
- H) Single Family Home Under 2,000 Square Feet
- I) Single Family Home 2,001 to 3,000 Square Feet
- J) Single Family Home over 3,000 Square Feet – Cost under \$500,000
- K) Luxury Home - \$500,000 to \$1,000,000
- L) Luxury Home – Cost over \$1,000,000
- M) Best New Kitchen
- N) Best Renovated Kitchen under \$50,000
- O) Best Renovated Kitchen over \$50,000
- P) Best Bathroom - New or Renovation
- Q) Best Feature (ex. Home Theater, Garage, Closets, Awnings, and Masonry etc.)
- R) Best Design Feature (ex. Staging, Painting, Interior Design, Window Treatments etc.)
- S) Most Innovative Design Build
- T) Best Website – Builder
- U) Best Website – Associate (local and national winners if warranted)
- V) Most Innovative Marketing Piece (all media types)
- W) Environmental Excellence Award – all entries are considered
- X) Energy Efficiency Award – all entries are considered