

GOING GREEN THE RIGHT WAY:

Smart Building in the Desert

Building “green” in Southern Utah isn’t just about trends—it’s about making smart choices that perform in our climate. With intense sun, dry air, and temperature swings, the right materials and systems can make a big difference in comfort and long-term cost.

From high-performance insulation and energy-efficient windows to properly sized HVAC systems and water-wise landscaping, thoughtful planning upfront helps create a home that’s both efficient and durable. Building green doesn’t have to mean complicated—it just means building smarter from the start.



Breaking Ground:

What Happens Before the Foundation

Before the foundation is poured, there’s a lot happening behind the scenes to set your home up for success. Proper site preparation is one of the most important—and often overlooked—parts of the building process.

This phase includes grading the lot, addressing soil conditions, planning drainage, and coordinating utilities. It’s also where permits are finalized and measures are put in place to protect the surrounding environment.

Getting this stage right ensures everything that follows is built on a solid foundation—literally and figuratively. It’s not the most visible part of the build, but it plays a major role in the long-term quality and performance of your home.



Choosing the Right Lot:

Where Your Home Begins

The lot you choose is just as important as the home you build on it. In Southern Utah, factors like slope, soil conditions, access, and utilities can all impact both the design and the overall cost of your home.

Views are important—but they often come with additional considerations like grading, retaining walls, or more complex foundations. Understanding these details early helps avoid surprises later.

Choosing the right lot means finding the balance between your vision, your budget, and how the home will function long-term. It’s one of the most important decisions in the entire building process—and one we’re always happy to help guide.

