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If you'd like to learn more about building green, check out the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Model Green Home Building Guidelines. This national organization has done a great job of presenting the key principles behind green building. Check out the guiding principles associated with:

-  Lot Design, Preparation and Development
-  Resource Efficiency
-  Energy Efficiency
-  Water Efficiency
-  Indoor Environmental Quality
-  Operation, maintenance and Homeowner Education
-  Global Impact
-  Site Planning and Land Development

Download a copy of the current NAHB national guidelines at:

http://www.nahb.org/publication_details.aspx?publicationID=1994§ionID=155

MN GreenStar Certification Programs Launching in March 2008



The MN GreenStar Certified Home and Remodeling program is getting ready to launch its new certification programs in March. The Green Institute, located in Minneapolis, is a non-profit organization whose mission is "sustaining the environment and our communities through practical innovation". The Institute has been working with other industry professional to put together two new certification programs for New Homes and Remodeling, designed specifically for our region. Listen for more announcements from The Green Institute in March about this exciting new certification program. See additional information in the new Spring Parade of Homes magazine now available.

Also, check out the pilot study information about the Minnesota GreenStar Certification Program, by following the GreenStar links from the Builders Association of the Twin Cities website, or go directly to the Minnesota GreenStar website at: <http://www.mngreenstar.com/>

Don't Miss "Blueprint for Green" on KARE 11 February 23

On February 6, cameras were rolling at Schwieters Construction Park in Hugo, filming in our Wall Panel Shop. Producers from the new show "Blueprint for Green" were interested in seeing how wall panels are built on our automated wall panel assembly lines, so they brought their cameras and their questions. See why using wall panels is one of the easiest ways to start building toward green certification. The program will explain how building with wall panels can help reduce the impact each project has to our environment.



Be sure to tune in to KARE 11 TV on Saturday, February 23 at noon to see John Schwieters explain the advantages of using our NexSTEP System™ wall panels on your next project.

See our NexSTEP System™ at: www.ilschwieters.com

What is JL Schwieters' NexSTEP System™?

The NexSTEP System is our time tested method of prefabricating building components, like wall panels, stair systems, fireplace framing and tub framing in our fabrication shops, then delivering them to the jobsite as a subcomponent ready for installation. By preassembling building subcomponents in a controlled environment and by incorporating automated material management and engineering systems to do it, JL Schwieters has been improving quality and consistency while reducing the material waste associated with onsite stick-built methods. It's a proven solution for delivering value for our builders and providing better quality structures for the building owners, it's a cost saving formula for success.



We call it the NexSTEP™ System... it's the next step in the evolution of the building industry. Go with a company that has a proven track record... go with the NexSTEP System™ on your next project.



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