



NORTHEAST SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION

# SUSTAINABLE GREEN PAGES DIRECTORY



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## NEED EXPERT HELP? Go To The SUSTAINABLE GREEN PAGES

Go to [NESEA.ORG](http://NESEA.ORG) and find the right expert to realize your green goals, or look for the SUSTAINABLE GREEN PAGES in the fall issue of NESEA's NORTHEAST SUN Magazine.

## NESEA.ORG

### THE NORTHEAST USA's #1 GREEN DIRECTORY

NESEA's SUSTAINABLE GREEN PAGES is the Northeastern USA's best green business directory. It includes hundreds of experts offering sustainable living and commercial energy solutions in over 30 specialties. They are a diverse group of green business leaders committed to innovation and clean energy solutions.

#### Category examples include:

- Building Design & Construction
- Domestic Water Heating (solar)
- Energy Audit Services
- Home Inspections
- Geothermal
- Photovoltaics
- Radiant Heating
- Indoor Air Quality
- Insulation
- Lighting Design
- Space Heating & Cooling
- Transportation Technologies
- Wastewater/Solid Waste
- Wind
- Windows



#### SERVING THE NORTHEAST

Based in Greenfield, Massachusetts, NESEA's territory includes 10 Northeastern states: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

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### THE SUSTAINABLE GREEN PAGES OFFER ENERGY SOLUTIONS FROM ENERGY EXPERTS

#### These green businesses will help you:

- Conduct an energy audit.
- Determine the most cost-effective energy reduction strategies.
- Advise you on tax breaks and incentives.
- Retrofit an existing structure.
- Design or construct a building that is dramatically more energy efficient than the norm.
- Take full advantage of passive strategies that have little or no initial cost, but that have a major impact on energy consumption.
- Install solar panels, a solar domestic hot water system, a wind turbine.
- Create a healthy building and improve indoor air quality.

#### HOW TO BE LISTED

If you want to be listed in the SUSTAINABLE GREEN PAGES call NESEA at 413-774-6051.



See [nesea.org](http://nesea.org)  
to find a local  
chapter near you

## NESEA

For over three decades, NESEA and its chapters have served as a source of inspiration and an exceptional resource for the leaders of a sustainable energy future. We urge you to join us as a NESEA member.

NESEA is a membership organization dedicated to the widespread acceptance and use of sustainable energy in the Northeast. At its core, NESEA is a multi-disciplinary group of practitioners committed to whole systems thinking as the central framework for addressing energy issues. Joined by consumer advocates, these practitioners have worked effectively to pioneer energy-efficient buildings and clean energy solutions, to share their knowledge and to recognize innovation.

## CHECKLIST FOR SELECTING A GREEN SERVICE PROVIDER

As a homeowner or business person contemplating energy efficiency, clean energy products and services, or a green construction project, you need to be assured that the provider you select is experienced and reliable. Be sure to check out helpful sources of information, such as NESEA's SUSTAINABLE GREEN PAGES and your state's consumer protection agency. Knowledgeable family members and friends in the community can also be useful sources of information.

We recommend you contact more than one firm. Ask them to discuss different options to address your needs, not just a single solution. Ask them to describe similar projects the company has done and whether the project you are contemplating will require long-term maintenance, or have other extra costs. Ask what training they or their workers have and in what relevant organizations they are active. If you don't develop a comfortable rapport with the provider, find another one.

- SCOPE OF WORK AND PRICE:** A contractor's proposal should provide ALL of the following: a detailed description of the work, a total price quote (not an estimate) when possible, and a guarantee of their work. All oral contractor representations should be put in writing with the assumptions clearly stated.
- EXPERIENCE:** A company that specializes in the specific work you need is best.
- BUSINESS LONGEVITY:** A company that has been operating more than 10 years with the same name is best; 5+ years is good.
- REFERENCE CHECK:** A positive current reference from at least 3-5 customers is best.
- STABILITY:** Companies with a local, physical business office and address are best.
- INSURANCE:** A company with general liability and worker's compensation is best. Ask to see insurance certificates.
- STATE CONTRACTOR LICENSING:** A licensed contractor that has never had a complaint filed or had disciplinary action taken is best. Check with your state's consumer protection agency to find this information. Note that many states do not require licensing.
- RED FLAGS:** A reputable contractor should not offer a discount to "sign up now," ask for more than 25% to 33% up front or ask for final payment before the work is complete and inspected.

### NESEA CHAPTERS

Your NESEA membership automatically includes local chapter affiliation:

- Boston Area Solar Energy Association
- Building for Social Responsibility (VT)
- Cape & Islands Renewable Energy Collaborative
- Central Jersey Sustainable Energy Association
- GreenHome NYC
- Maine Solar Energy Association
- New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association
- Philadelphia Solar Energy Association
- Rhode Island Solar Energy Association
- Solar Energy Association of Connecticut
- Springfield Area Sustainable Energy Association (MA)
- Sustainable Delaware
- UMASS Lowell Solar Energy Association
- Western New York Sustainable Energy Association

**Interested in starting a NESEA chapter?  
Call us! 413-774-6051**

### DONATIONS

Help advance our mission through your financial support of NESEA. Our 501(c)3 non-profit status makes your gift tax deductible. Contact our office at 413-774-6051 or at [NESEA.ORG](http://NESEA.ORG).

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