



# DO GREEN BUILDINGS COST MORE

The reality is that there's no single answer to that question. Costs can vary significantly from one project to the next depending on a range of factors. But experts agree that, while green isn't free, it doesn't have to break the budget when compared with conventional buildings on a first-cost basis..

1. A good design can minimize the size of a building's mechanical systems, which saves money in the short and long terms
2. Depending on how green your building is (green specification); you will be saving between 25 and 50% of operational costs after the initial years. This is over the fact that you get the advantages of higher quality of air, better daylighting, and overall well being of the occupants and the environment around.
3. Affordability: While there has been no systematic study to the costs associated with green building construction, one of the recent reports by Newecology states that "development costs of gr between 18% below to 9% above the costs of conventional affordable housing projects"
4. Performance: Green technologies and architecture improve the durability of the building to a great extent and minimizes the costs of refurbishments, repairs or regular maintenance. Better insulation, the right amount of ventilation, and stronger building envelope also offers a better performing asset while adding to the resale value.
5. Health: The construction of green buildings is carefully designed around the health of the residents and the environment around. Reduced emissions, better indoor air quality, reduced need for artificial insulation (HVAC) and a cleaner environment is the perfect mix you should be living with.

It's true that the construction of sustainable ho premium price but the long-term benefits always exceed incremental capital costs.

**THINK OF A GREEN BUILDING AS AN INVESTMENT THAT GUARANTEES MULTIPLIED RETURNS.**



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