

## Facts About Green Buildings



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Here are some interesting facts in a nutshell provided by the U.S. Green Building Council about Green/Sustainable buildings;

### Benefits of LEED-certified Buildings\*

- Lowering operating costs and increasing asset value
- Reducing waste sent to landfills
- Improving energy and water conservation
- Providing healthier and safer environments for occupants
- Qualifying for tax rebates, zoning allowances, and other incentives in hundreds of cities
- Demonstrating an Owner's commitment to environmental stewards and social responsibility

In the United States alone, buildings account for\*:

- 70 percent of electricity consumption
- 39% of energy use
- 39% of all carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions
- 40% of raw materials use
- 30% of waste output (136 million tons annually)
- 12 percent of potable water consumption

\*Source: [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org)

