

Construction 250: building a house

Useful online sources: general construction

<http://www.huduser.org/publications/destech.html> this page from HUD has good links to articles on both materials and methods of building.

<http://enr.construction.com/news/technology/Default.asp> from the *ENR (Engineering News-Record)*.

<http://rebar.ecn.purdue.edu/ECT> From Purdue University, this site features emerging technologies and their impact.

<http://home.howstuffworks.com/house.htm> From the Discovery Channel.

http://www.constructionweblinks.com/Industry_Topics/industry_topics.html this page, from a law firm, has many links to every aspect of the industry.

<http://www.cirbdata.com/resources/index.html> links to many California construction web pages from the Construction Industry Research Board

<http://www.builderonline.com/> from *Builder* magazine, this site has some good links and full text articles.

<http://www.toolbase.org> Toolbase brings together articles from government and private sponsors.

<http://www.taunton.com/finehomebuilding> Videos and articles from *Fine Homebuilding* magazine.

<http://www.jlconline.com/cgi-bin/jlconline.storefront> from the *Journal of Light Construction*, with some free articles. Scroll to the bottom of the page and choose Research to get to them.

Useful online sources: green construction

<http://www.ecobusinesslinks.com/> a huge business-oriented directory of all things green.

<http://www.sustainableabc.com/naturalbuild.html> a useful and well-constructed site from Santa Barbara which is devoted to sustainable architecture and building. Has many links to online sites.

<http://www.altbuildexpo.com/> this is from a green expo. On the *Download 2 Day Program* page there is a list of exhibitor links to lots of green builders and catalogs (with prices)

<http://www.buildinggreen.com/auth/article.cfm?fileName=090101a.xml> an in-depth article on what it means to build green. Useful for an overview of this subject.

<http://www.epa.gov/greenbuilding/> the green building page from the Environmental Protection Agency

<http://www.greenhomeguide.org> a good general site with lots of links from the U.S. Green Building Council

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/greenbuilding/> the green building home page from the California government web site.

<http://www.bfrl.nist.gov/oae/software/bees> a govt. software program from the Office of Applied Economics. Click on research areas tab for programs and studies.

Using the EBSCOhost Database

EBSCOhost is Cuesta's journal and magazine database, with many full-text articles.

From an on-campus computer: Go to the Cuesta Library home page <http://library.cuesta.edu> Under **Find an Article**, choose *journal* or *magazine*, then the **EBSCOhost** icon.

From a remote computer: you must go into your myCuesta page (<http://my.cuesta.edu>), select the *Resources* tab, and look for *Ebsco* under **Databases**. You cannot access any Cuesta Library databases from off-campus unless you go through myCuesta.

When you get to the Ebscohost search screen, type in a keyword or keyword phrase.

Always check the **Full Text** box. Some useful keyword phrases include:

Building construction
Building materials
Building basements (attics, bathrooms, etc)
Green Building
Sustainable Building
Alternative building materials

You can search EBSCOhost by publication as well. To browse issues of *Engineering News Record (ENR)*, start at the basic search screen. At the top of the screen, choose the **Publications** tab. In the Publications search box type in *ENR* and choose **Match Any Words**. Then select **Browse**. You get the entry for the *ENR*. If you select the title, you will have a list of each issue, with full text articles.

You can also get articles from *ENR* using a topic of your choice by starting at the basic search screen, putting your keyword or phrase into the search box, and typing in *ENR* under **Limit your Results** where it says **Publication**. All responses will be from that journal.

Using NetLibrary

Cuesta has an online library of 12,000 eBooks, from NetLibrary. These are full-text books you access and read on your computer. There are quite a few books about construction, building materials, and building regulations.

Follow the same directions for using EBSCOhost and other databases. From on-campus, go to the Library home page and find eBooks from WebCat. From off-campus, go through myCuesta and choose the Netlibrary link under the search box for WebCat.

MLA citation help:

This is an online citation help page:

http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04_c08_o.html

<http://citationmachine.net> this is an example of a citation engine, which allows you to put your information into a template and get a citation.

Remember to check your work!

<http://www.bibme.org> another citation engine, which allows you to build a bibliography. Check your work before turning it in!

Reference books:

The following title can be found in the Reference section of the Library.

TH2031 A84 2007

American Institute of Architects. *Architectural graphic standards*, 11th ed. 2007.

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