

# Useful Websites

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## A. Books/Forms

1. [www.taunton.com](http://www.taunton.com)

Search “Fine Homebuilding”

2. [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

Here is where you can get copies of different forms published by the government.

3. [www.jlconline.com](http://www.jlconline.com)

Go to “Bookstore” for example

4. [www.rsmeans.com](http://www.rsmeans.com)

Quick Search “6032” to find the estimating book mentioned in the course

## B. Money Lending Information

1. [www.bankrate.com](http://www.bankrate.com)

Go here to see current mortgage rates

2. [www.calculators4mortgages.com](http://www.calculators4mortgages.com)

Go to the “Prequalification Calculator” to find out what amount of mortgage you could qualify for. There is no substitute for getting pre-qualified as mentioned in the course.

## C. Lot/Land Information

1. [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

To check to see if property is in a flood zone. Go to “Quick Links – Flood Maps” then type in your property address. Zoom in on the map to see more details.

2. [www.earth.google.com](http://www.earth.google.com)

Download this software for free. What a fun way to look at land and surrounding area.

#### D. House Plans

1. [www.eplans.com](http://www.eplans.com)
2. [www.coolhouseplans.com](http://www.coolhouseplans.com)

A good site for floor plan ideas

3. [www.slhouseplans.com](http://www.slhouseplans.com)
4. [www.stephenfuller.com](http://www.stephenfuller.com)
5. [www.garrellassociates.com](http://www.garrellassociates.com)
6. [www.dongardner.com](http://www.dongardner.com)
7. [www.edselbreland.com](http://www.edselbreland.com)
8. [www.wdfarmerplans.com](http://www.wdfarmerplans.com)
9. [www.designbasics.com](http://www.designbasics.com)
10. [www.frankbetz.com](http://www.frankbetz.com)

#### E. Architect

1. [www.harrisondesignassociates.com](http://www.harrisondesignassociates.com)

#### F. Energy/Green Building and LEED Information

1. [www.southface.org](http://www.southface.org)

Go here to find out about the EarthCraft program mentioned in the course.

2. [www.greenbuilding.com](http://www.greenbuilding.com)

3. [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

Check out all the info for new homes

4. [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org)

## G. Remodeling

1. [www.xypexhd-150.com](http://www.xypexhd-150.com)

Highly recommended by a former student to solve a leaky basement.

## H. Construction Information

1. [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com)

Go here to find out local information about “Call before you dig” utility protection services.

2. [www.litedeck.com](http://www.litedeck.com)

A great cost saving product to build a concrete deck [like a garage] above living space.

3. [www.apawood.com](http://www.apawood.com)

The place to go to find out about all kind of wood laminated products such as plywood, lvl's, glulams, etc.

4. [www.custom-arch.com](http://www.custom-arch.com)

The fastest and easiest way to form a perfect arch.

5. [www.sentricon.com](http://www.sentricon.com)

Learn about the Sentricon bait system for termite elimination.

6. [www.bia.org](http://www.bia.org)

Here is where you can find out anything about brick. Start with the "Technical Notes".

7. [www.rainbird.com](http://www.rainbird.com)

Here is where to get a professional design for your lawn sprinkler system. Go to search and type in "Sprinkler Design Service".

8. [www.faucet.com](http://www.faucet.com)

Good deals on faucets.

9. [www.hardwoodinfo.com](http://www.hardwoodinfo.com)

To see how to install hardwood flooring on a concrete slab, search "Material and Methods". Scroll down to "Installing Hardwood Floors on a Concrete Slab".

10. [www.woodfloors.org](http://www.woodfloors.org)

Information about hardwood flooring.

11. [www.qualitybath.com](http://www.qualitybath.com)

Good deals on select items.

12. [www.protectiveproducts.com](http://www.protectiveproducts.com)

Good site for items to protect your home during construction.

13. [www.ebuild.com](http://www.ebuild.com)

More stuff than you can imagine.