



April 2023 Newsletter

News & Updates



Net-Zero Energy (NZE) Homes

Designing and building with Fox Blocks enables meeting the criteria, in all climate zones, to be a Net Zero Energy (NZE) home or building. A NZE building is augmented with renewable energy source to meet its own annual energy consumption needs. It also lessens the use of critical natural resources like water, land, raw materials, by utilizing sustainable products and methods.

Ultimately, an NZE home saves on operational costs for the life of the building, while reducing the use of non-renewable energy and other natural resources. To achieve NZE, the design of the home or building must include continuous insulation (CI), high thermal mass products, energy-efficient roofing, insulated foundation, quality glazing, energy efficient HVAC and appliances, plus a renewable energy source. Also, an NZE home or building strives to care for the ecosystem by implementing methods for stormwater management, flood, mud and erosion control utilizing a durable and sustainable product, like [TRUEGRID Permeable Pavers](#).

Fox Blocks by weight are 40% + recycled material and TRUEGRID Pavers are 100% recycled material. Along with creating a high-performance building envelope and environmentally conscience landscape, both of these sustainable building products surpass energy and environmental standards and goals.

Building and homeowners are environmentally and energy conscience, wanting to save money on operational costs and live in a comfortable, safe and healthy environment. Contractors want the ability to offer quality, high-performance construction in a simple application, that is easily available with Fox Blocks and TRUEGRID.

Every Fox Blocks building meets the criteria for high-performance, exceeds minimum building and energy code requirements, and will create a building envelope to be Net Zero Ready.

Featured Blogs

Considerations for
Building an Energy
Efficient Home in CA

5 Must-Haves for High
Performance Building
Envelope Systems

Avoiding Costly Damage:
How Proper Drainage
Systems Protect Your
Commercial Parking Lot
Investment



Soaring energy prices and the effects of climate change are being felt all around, so building energy-efficient homes is more important than ever. California is no exception. With some of the highest electricity costs in the nation, California homes can greatly benefit from being energy-efficient.

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A high-performance building envelope system is an important component of sustainable and energy-efficient construction. It helps to create a healthy, safe environment for occupants while reducing the environmental impact and costs associated with traditional construction methods.

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We've all been there; you pull into the parking lot of a local business only to step out into an ankle-deep puddle, soaking your foot and ruining the rest of your day. Don't let your commercial real estate fall victim to the same fate, plan ahead and implement commercial parking lot drainage systems.

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FEATURED PROJECTS

Mayura Manor, Winter Park, FL



Project Highlights

- Total Sq. Ft.: 4,330
- Total Fox Blocks Use: 3,283
- Total Construction: 50 weeks
- ICF Installation: 15 days
- Net-Zero Home with Record-Low HERS Index Score of -22
- Built by Turning Leaf Construction

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Wellington Aero Club, Wellington, FL



Project Description

This aero club community stabilized their grass taxiways and perpendiculars to keep flying in all seasons and weather conditions. A better solution than asphalt, the grass-filled TRUEGRID looks naturally beautiful while supporting plane traffic.

- 500,000 sq. ft. PRO PLUS

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Events, Trainings, & Press Releases

Upcoming Primary Installer LIVE Classroom Trainings:

4/4 Stitt Group at NWACC Peterson Aud. Bentonville, AR 8AM-12PM

4/4 Central Supply Passaic, NJ 10AM-2PM

4/5 AGC of Alaska Anchorage, AK 8AM-1:30PM

4/12 Wehrung's Lumber & Home Center, Ottsville, PA 10AM-2PM

5/17 Hatch Concrete Taylor Airport, AZ 8AM-12PM

5/18 ICF Specialist at Hampton Inn by Hilton, Queen Creek, AZ 8AM-12PM

Trade Shows/Events

4/4 BWS NRMCA ICFMA ICF Project Tours & Training 7:30AM-5PM

4/12 - 4/13 BuildExpo Booth #422 Dallas, TX

4/12 - 4/13 ISS World Expo Booth # 546 Las Vegas, NV

4/19 - 4/20 OFSMA Annual Conference & Expo Booth #37 Albany, OR

4/19 -4/20 KAPA-KRMCA Concrete Forum, Wichita KS & Lawrence, KS

4/21 - 4/23 Northern BC Home & Garden Show Booth #116 Prince George, BC
4/23 - 4/26 MoASBO Annual Spring Conf. & ExpTable #51 Osage Beach, MO
4/24 - 4/27 CinemaCon Booth #630J Las Vegas, NV
4/30- 5/3 CCFM Annual Conf. & Expo Booth #320 Baltimore, MD

* Shows listed in red are Fox Blocks primary or only, green are TRUEGRID primary or only, blue are Co-Branded events with both Fox Blocks and TRUEGRID Advisors products present.

Integrated Learning Center



Register on the ILC site for the next level of installer training - Journeyman, Master and Elite Premier. Dealers register for the Fox Blocks Product Knowledge course. This course requires a code which you can get from your Regional Advisor.

Registre en el sitio web CAI por la proxima nivel de entrenatamiento instalador - Journeyman, Master, e Elite Premier. Distribuidores puede registrar para el curso Conocimiento Producto de Fox Blocks. Este curso se requiere un código que puede obtener desde su Asesor Regional.

Fox Blocks Spotlight

Contractor of The Month

Mike Evans of Evans Construction Company in El Dorado Hills, CA



Mike has been building with ICFs for over 25 years, and he's been with Fox Blocks for over a decade. Over the years, he's completed several beautiful projects with Fox Blocks, and we're delighted to be able to showcase them for you.

When Mike isn't building, you can find him back in Kansas enjoying the tranquility of the farm that's been in his family for over 100 years. In his spare time, he also enjoys golfing and going to Sacramento Kings games with his son.

Thank you Mike and Team! Keep up the excellent work!

Evans Construction Fox Blocks Projects



Hillside Estate - 4,500 sqft. (total) in Auburn, CA



ICF Cabin - 1,200 sqft. (total) in Placerville, CA



Modern Tuscan Home - 10,000 sqft. (total) in Morgan Hill, CA



ICF Castle - 16,000 sqft. (total) in Livermore, CA

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