

**Intent**

Promote durability and high performance of the building enclosure and its components and systems through appropriate design, materials selection, and construction practices.

**Requirements**

*Note: USGBC and its representatives are responsible only for verifying the completion of LEED for Homes requirements; such verification in no way constitutes a warranty as to the appropriateness of the selected durability measures or the quality of implementation (see Disclaimer, page 2).*

**Prerequisites**

**2.1 Durability planning.** Prior to construction, the project team shall do the following:

- Complete the Durability Risk Evaluation Form to identify all moderate and high-risk durability issues for the building enclosure.
- Develop specific measures to respond to those issues.
- Identify and incorporate all the applicable indoor moisture control measures listed in **Table 1**.
- Incorporate the measures from 2.1(b) and (c), above, into project documents (drawings, specifications, and/or scopes of work, as appropriate).
- List all the durability measures and indicate their locations in the project documents in a durability inspection checklist. Include the checklist in project documents for use in verification.

**Table 1**

Location or equipment	Required moisture control measure
Tub, showers and spa areas	Use nonpaper-faced back board on walls
Kitchen, bathroom, laundry rooms, and spa areas	Use water-resistant flooring; do not install carpet.
Entryway (within 3 feet of exterior door)	Use water-resistant flooring; do not install carpet.
Tank water heater in or over living space	Install drain and drain pan
Clothes washer in or over living space	Install drain and drain pan, or install accessible single-throw supply valve.
Conventional clothes dryer	Exhaust directly to outdoors
Condensing clothes dryer	Install drain and drain pan

**2.2 Durability management.** During construction, the builder shall have a quality management process in place to ensure installation of the durability measures. This prerequisite can be satisfied by having the builder inspect and check off each measure in the durability inspection checklist created for 2.1(e), above.

**Credits**

**2.3 Third-party durability management verification** (3 points). Have the Verification Team inspect and verify each measure listed in the durability inspection checklist created for 2.1(e), above.