



After all, your roof's exposure to heat, cold, and sunlight make it an excellent candidate for improving your home's overall energy efficiency. And seeing as how your roof is also your home's most important line of defense when it comes to protecting you and yours from the elements, it's easy to see why homeowners across the country are drawn to the quality workmanship and high expectations that green remodeling is known for.

### **Natural Roofing Slate: 100% natural building material.**

In a time when most roofing products aren't manufactured to last more than 20 years, slate roofs routinely last five times that long with minimal repair and maintenance needs. From an environmental standpoint, that's five times less roofing that's destined to end up in your local landfill.

It's hard to find a better choice than natural slate roofing if going green is a priority for you. It's 100 percent natural building material, requires minimal processing to turn it into roofing, and its reputation for longevity and low maintenance make it the perfect fit where green is concerned. Virtually across the board, slate roofs are a great choice if you're looking to go green in the roofing department.

### **Slate Roofs = Healthy Roofs**

A properly installed natural slate roof is one of the healthiest roofing products around since it requires just two things to install: slate and nails. Both are as healthy as roofing materials get, unlike petroleum-based roofing materials and common roofing adhesives that can off-gas harmful volatile organic compounds (VOCs) into the air around your home for weeks, months, and even years after being installed.

Proper attic ventilation is vital to a healthy, green roof. Ridge vents, soffit vents, and gable vents all help to keep air circulating, resulting in a cooler attic (and home) in the summer, and reducing condensation build-up in the attic in the winter, which can result in water damage, rot, and mold growth.

