

UPDATE: GREEN BUILT® Arkansas Model Home



The Home Builders Association of Greater Little Rock (HBA-GLR) broke ground on the GREEN BUILT® Arkansas Model Home in late November, 2009. After extensive site analysis and planning sessions from the Homebuilder's Association of Greater Little Rock's 22 Certified Green Professionals, the ground breaking ceremony was held.

The HBA-GLR began the preparation on November 11 with a pre-construction meeting with West Tree Service lead by Ron Tyne and Bradford Gaines, of Rocket Properties. During the pre-construction meeting, the crew and job superintendent were educated on the conservation goals and objectives for the site. West Tree Service hand cut and chipped all trees that were located in the building area. All mulch chippings were stockpiled on site and will be used for critical root zone protection of preserved trees during the construction, erosion control and as landscape mulch. The tree chipping eliminates off site hauling and disposal of site vegetation.

After initial vegetation removal, preserved trees were marked for root pruning. Gaines made calculations based on the tree species, size and growing conditions to determine the tree's critical root zone. Root pruning allows roots to be surgically removed from areas of future excavation, filling or underground utility work. After root pruning, critical root zones were aerated and sprayed with Nitron A-35, which is a soil conditioner that aids in releasing soil nutrients and promotes root growth.

On November 17, Keith Wingfield, of River Rock Builders, and Gaines had an on-site meeting regarding site grubbing and stump removal. All stumps and organic material have been effectively removed. Special care was taken to keep all equipment and disturbance out of the protected on-site greenspaces.

For more information on the GREEN BUILT® Model Home, please contact the HBA at 501-758-3646 or visit www.hbaglr.com 🏠