

Consumer Web Resources

For an **excellent consumer guide** through the entire process of making, what is for most, the biggest investment of their life, home buyers should check out the federal government's HUD web site at www.hud.gov/buyhome.html for topics such as "How to buy a home" "How to get a mortgage" "Building a home" and many more. This HUD page has more links to other useful tools, such as mortgage calculators and calculators to determine how much house you can afford. If you are interested in tapping the equity you have in an existing home, check out the National Center for Home Equity Conversion and its information on reverse mortgages at www.reverse.org.

For building a home, consumers should also go directly to the great consumer web pages of the National Association of Home Builders at www.nahb.com. For the definitive consumer guide on remodeling your home, click on NAHB's Remodelers Council on the site.. Also, see our HBA of Connecticut website at www.hbact.com and click on HOT LINKS related to the residential construction industry. Our local website, www.baec.net has great information on the region's towns and cities you may be considering to build in.