

## LINKS FOR STRAW BALE CODES, GUIDELINES, AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

### U.S. Codes/Guidelines/Mandates (for listed States, Counties, Cities) (See Table pg.16 for more information)

Arizona, Tucson/Pima County – [www.dcat.net](http://www.dcat.net), [www.grisb.org](http://www.grisb.org)

Arizona, Cochise County (proposed) – contact Steve Kemble <[primalpulse@earthlink.net](mailto:primalpulse@earthlink.net)>

California (original Guidelines AB1314/HS18944, 1995) – [www.dcat.net](http://www.dcat.net)

California (revised/current Guidelines SB332/HS18944, 2002) – [www.strawbuilding.org](http://www.strawbuilding.org), [www.grisb.org](http://www.grisb.org)

(Note: Some counties and cities that have adopted the guidelines into their local code have amended them)

California (proposed Appendix L – Strawbale Construction)— contact Martin Hammer <[mfhammer@pacbell.net](mailto:mfhammer@pacbell.net)>

Colorado, Boulder – [www.dcat.net](http://www.dcat.net), [www.grisb.org](http://www.grisb.org)

Colorado, Cortez – [www.grisb.org](http://www.grisb.org)

Nebraska, McCook – contact Doyle Wineland <[doyle@cityofmccook.com](mailto:doyle@cityofmccook.com)>

Nevada (mandate) – [www.grisb.org](http://www.grisb.org)

New Mexico – [www.grisb.org](http://www.grisb.org)

Oregon – (Appendix M Straw-Bale Structures is included in the Oregon State Residential Code which must be purchased in its entirety) – [www.cbs.state.or.us/external/bcd.codestandards.html](http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/bcd.codestandards.html)

Pennsylvania, Easton (proposed) – contact Sigi Koko <[sigikoko@buildnaturally.com](mailto:sigikoko@buildnaturally.com)>

Texas, Austin – [www.dcat.net](http://www.dcat.net), [www.grisb.org](http://www.grisb.org)

Utah, Grand County – [www.grandcountyutah.net/buildinginspector](http://www.grandcountyutah.net/buildinginspector) (click on Straw Bale Construction)

### Non-U.S. Codes/Guidelines (and country specific documentation)

**Belarus** – A complete English translation of the Belarusian straw-bale code: “Compressed Straw Construction Bales (Heat Insulating) – Technical Conditions” is available by contacting Martin Hammer <[mfhammer@pacbell.net](mailto:mfhammer@pacbell.net)>

#### Denmark

- A summary of test results and guidelines of the “Resultater 033” in English as presented at the ISBBC 04:

[www.sbi.dk/download/pdf/jma\\_slides\\_halmhuse.pdf](http://www.sbi.dk/download/pdf/jma_slides_halmhuse.pdf)

- “By og Byg Resultater 033 – Halmhuse” the entire 71-page report in Danish with some English:

[www.sbi.dk/byggeteknik/konstruktioner/serlige-konstruktioner/halmhuse/halmhuse](http://www.sbi.dk/byggeteknik/konstruktioner/serlige-konstruktioner/halmhuse/halmhuse) (click on Download PDF)

**France** – Testing documentation (and other information) in French – [www.lamaisonenpaille.com](http://www.lamaisonenpaille.com)

**Germany** – See article on page 20 for links regarding the 2006 German Straw Bale Code and German SB testing.

**New Zealand** – (see page 10 for more information about the following documents)

- BIA News #125 (June 2002) – [www.building.dbh.govt.nz/e/publish/news/125\\_strawbale.shtml](http://www.building.dbh.govt.nz/e/publish/news/125_strawbale.shtml)
- BRANZ Bulletin #398 (March 2000) – “Strawbale Construction” – available for download purchase (\$9 USD) at [www.saiglobal.com/shop](http://www.saiglobal.com/shop)
- BRANZ Build Magazine (Nov/Dec 1998) – with article “Guidelines for Strawbale Building in New Zealand” by Graeme North – contact Graeme North, Architect <[ecodesign@extra.co.nz](mailto:ecodesign@extra.co.nz)>

**Spain** – “Aspectos Legales” – (Description of Code/Legal issues for straw-bale buildings in Spain (in Spanish) – by architect Maren Termens Steiner. Contact Maren <[marenbegur@hotmail.com](mailto:marenbegur@hotmail.com)>

### Supporting Documentation (testing, research, articles, videos)

- Building Officials’ Guide to Straw-Bale Construction (by CASBA members) – [www.strawbuilding.org](http://www.strawbuilding.org) (for purchase, click on CASBA Publications) Testing, codes, articles tailored for building officials.
- By og Byg Resultater 033 – Compilation of test reports and guidelines (see Denmark above)
- Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation – [www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca](http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca) (search: straw bale) – Test reports, articles
- CSIRO Australian Fire Tests – [www.earthgarden.com.au/strawbale/fire\\_test.html](http://www.earthgarden.com.au/strawbale/fire_test.html)
- Design of Plastered Straw Bale Structures by Bruce King (available 9/06) – [www.greenbuildingpress.com](http://www.greenbuildingpress.com)
- Development Center for Appropriate Technology – [www.dcat.net](http://www.dcat.net) – Test reports, articles
- Ecological Building Network – [www.ecobuildnetwork.org](http://www.ecobuildnetwork.org) – Test reports, research, articles
- German Strawbale Association (Fachverband Strohballenbau) – [www.fasba.de](http://www.fasba.de) – Test reports, other (in German)
- “House of Straw: Straw Bale Construction Comes of Age” by U.S. Department of Energy – [www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov)
- Odisea Engineering – [www.odisea.net](http://www.odisea.net) – (click on reports) Test reports
- “Straw-bale Construction” by Bruce King (article from September/October 1998 issue of ICBO Building Standards magazine) – [www.grisb.org](http://www.grisb.org) (click on publications)
- *The Last Straw* issue #53 Know Thy Straw Bales, edited by Bruce King of the Ecological Building Network. Research and test reports, articles and contacts/links regarding straw-bale research and testing.
- *The Last Straw* 2006 Resource Guide, pg. 35 – Straw-bale Codes, Testing, Research [www.thelaststraw.org](http://www.thelaststraw.org)
- Video – Building with Straw, Vol. 3: Straw Bale Code Testing – [www.strawbalecentral.com](http://www.strawbalecentral.com) (click on books and videos)