

# RE/MAX Green Checklist for Home Owners



**W**ant to green your home to market its amenities to eco-conscious buyers? Or are you looking simply to lessen your home's carbon footprint? Here's a checklist of items that will help bring your home up to a greener standard. These are just some of the practical, easy fixes you can do to make your home more eco-friendly for your family or potential buyers.

**Plug air leaks**



Use weather stripping and caulk to help save money on heating and air-conditioning bills and more. Common leaks occur around windows, doors and other wall penetrations.

**Tune up your HVAC system**



Get a checkup every two years to make sure it's running efficiently. Clean the filter monthly during times of peak usage.

**Choose ENERGY STAR® appliances**



These appliances sometimes cost more, but reduce your energy bill by \$50 annually for each appliance. Also, many electric utility companies offer purchase incentives.

**Use natural flooring, cabinetry**



Flooring made from rapidly renewable resources, such as cork or bamboo, and native woods for furniture or cabinetry are greener and stylish.

**Reduce water use**



Inside, install aerators to your sink faucets and change to low-flow showerheads. Motion-activated toilets or faucets can minimize water usage and waste.

Outside, native plants, xeriscaping and turf grass also reduce water consumption.

**Explore solar power**



Use it to create electricity, heat water and improve indoor lighting. The U.S. Department of Energy can help you find the right solar solutions for your home.

**Switch to CFL bulbs**



Compact fluorescent light bulbs can be a huge energy saver and typically have a longer life than other bulbs. Replace some (or all) of your regular bulbs with CFLs.

**Use low-VOC products**



Switch to products, such as paint and carpeting, that don't give off volatile organic compounds, or VOCs. This will greatly improve your indoor air quality and protect your health.

**Plant shady trees**



Save money on heating and air conditioning bills while providing beautiful views around your home. Also, using native plants can mean less need for water, fertilizer and pesticides.



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