

# RE/MAX Green Checklist for Home Buyers



**A**re you looking for a home that has a minimal carbon footprint and fits with your green lifestyle? Here's a checklist of items that will help you find a greener-than-average home. These are just some of the practical amenities and things to look for in an eco-friendly property you can call home.

**ENERGY STAR®  
appliances**



These appliances are top-of-the-line and stylish, but more importantly, they reduce your energy bill by \$50 yearly per appliance.

**Natural flooring,  
cabinetry**



Flooring made from rapidly renewable resources, such as cork or bamboo, and native or sustainably harvested woods for

furniture or cabinetry are both stylish and green.

**Water conscious**



Look for aerators on sink faucets and low-flow showerheads. Motion-activated toilets or faucets also can minimize water usage and waste.

**Renewable energy**



Solar- or wind-powered homes can provide electricity, heat water, and improve indoor lighting. They're

better for the environment – and your pocketbook – in the long run. Ask for an energy audit from the local utility company.

**How it's built**



Homes made from reused or recycled-content materials are naturally greener. Look for double pane, low-e

windows and insulated attics and basements.

**HVAC system**



What kind of shape is it in? Ask for a complete report, including service and maintenance

history. Make sure there's a programmable thermostat.

**Compact fluorescent  
light bulbs**



CFLs can be a huge energy saver and typically have a much longer life than other bulbs. If the house

doesn't already have CFLs, you can easily replace existing bulbs.

**Low-VOC products**



Find out what products were used to paint, carpet and construct the home. Homes with low volatile organic compounds, or VOCs,

greatly improve your indoor air quality and protect your health.

**Shady trees and  
landscaping**



Yards with shady trees help save money on heating and air conditioning bills while providing beautiful

views. Also, native plants reduce the need for water, fertilizer and pesticides.



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