
SUSTAINABLE HOME CHECKLIST

go green and go home

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SIMPLE GREEN. EASY & ECONOMICAL

- ☐ Timers for irrigation and outdoor light systems
- ☐ Rain barrel or water cistern to capture water
- ☐ Organic fertilizers
- ☐ Composting
- ☐ Mulch or wood chips
- ☐ Use of native plants/ Elimination of invasive
- ☐ Group plants by water needs
- ☐ Deep rooted plants (they take less water overall)
- ☐ Reduction of grass size
- ☐ Pest resistant plants
- ☐ Natural animal repellant plants
- ☐ Trees for wind blocking (to prevent soil/mulch erosion) and
shade to naturally cool your home.

- ☐ Set mower to 3 inches to allow for pollination
- ☐ Use low VOC paint for less toxic air
- ☐ Recycle old materials, or even old furniture by giving it a facelift or donating instead of tossing.
- ☐ Use HEPA air filters
- ☐ Replace all main lights with LED
- ☐ Use solar or LED for all garden and cafe lighting
- ☐ Install dimmers on lights
- ☐ Utilize motion sensors
- ☐ Power Strips to prevent a phantom load
- ☐ Clean refrigerator coils
- ☐ Weather strip doors
- ☐ Caulk window trim
- ☐ Repair window glazing
- ☐ Putty around window panels
- ☐ Remove shrubs at foundation (anything too close to the house can go into the foundation with its root system)

- ☐ Aerators on faucets
- ☐ Wrap hot water heater, pipes
- ☐ Dual flush toilet controls

Fix leaks

- ☐ Low-flow shower head
- ☐ Programmable thermostat (smart thermostat)
- ☐ Thermal drapes (blackout curtains, or UV filtering)
- ☐ Clean air filters often
- ☐ Seal ducts

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MEDIUM INVESTMENT & COMPLEXITY

- ☐ Circulating hot water pump
- ☐ Low flow toilet
- ☐ Energy Star water heater
- ☐ Tankless Water Heater
- ☐ Seal foundation cracks
- ☐ Replace outer doors (metal is better than wood at sealing in hot and cold)
- ☐ Use reflective exterior paint (the lighter the paint, the more reflective)
- ☐ Attic floor and hatch insulation
- ☐ Insulate floors above crawlspace
- ☐ Install acoustic insulation
- ☐ Draft stopper in fireplace chimney

- ☐ Solar water heater
- ☐ Energy Star appliances
- ☐ Electric car charging hook-ups
- ☐ Cross ventilation upgrade
- ☐ Dehumidifiers
- ☐ Awnings
- ☐ Whole house fan
- ☐ Dual direction ceiling fans
- ☐ Sensor exhaust fans
- ☐ Zone control heating and cooling
- ☐ Electric blower and mower
- ☐ Rain garden/ rain collection
- ☐ Permeable pavement materials
- ☐ Remediate lead based paint
- ☐ Radon sealing and venting
- ☐ Drip irrigation

☐ CFI Green Label Carpet

☐ FSC or SFI Certified Wood

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COMPLEX GREEN. INVESTMENT WITH OUTSOURCING NEEDED.

- ☐ Solar pool heater
- ☐ Solar panels
- ☐ Greywater usage through dual plumbing
- ☐ Outdoor living space upgrade (overhauling landscape or adding cooling spaces)
- ☐ Formaldehyde-free cabinets
- ☐ Utilizing recycled materials in construction
- ☐ Replacing off-gassing materials
- ☐ Mold remediation (needs to be done for health)
- ☐ Asbestos remediation (needs to be done for health)
- ☐ Install heat recovery system
- ☐ WaterSense or Energy Star Appliances
- ☐ Solar water heater

- ☐ Install a cool or green roof
- ☐ Energy Star or double-pane windows
- ☐ Blow-in insulation (like spray foam)
- ☐ Insulated airtight skylights or tubular skylights
- ☐ Increase glazing for more daylight
- ☐ Solar PV generating system
- ☐ Solar passive heating
- ☐ Small wind turbine generator (check town codes and guidelines)
- ☐ Net metering
- ☐ Join solar farm
- ☐ Deep energy retrofit (do after energy audit)
- ☐ Air source pump
- ☐ Energy Star furnace and boiler
- ☐ Radiant heat {great in bathrooms}
- ☐ Ground source heat pump

☐ Trombe wall or window

☐ Geothermal

☐ Condensing furnace

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