

COLD RINSE CHAMPION



10 Ways to Make Your Home Green

Looking to 'Greenify' your home, but want to avoid sinking thousands of dollars into home energy retrofits? Here are ten simple ways to bring sustainability home and save money in the process.

1. Switch all of your lights to CFL light bulbs. As your old bulbs burn out install newer CFL bulbs or, if you don't want to spend the extra money, simply increase your wattage by installing one brighter bulb where two used to be.
2. Unplug electronic devices and chargers at night. Or, use 'smart' power strips that prevent phantom energy use.
3. Install low flow water fixtures. Look into dual- flush toilets, low flow showerheads, and faucet aerators. Also set a goal of five-minute showers or less.
4. Purchase a new programmable thermostat. Newer models actually display your current energy consumption and have been proven to drastically decrease energy use.
5. Use bamboo products. Bamboo is the renewable resource of the future. It's useable in a wide variety of products and can accentuate almost any product beautifully.
6. Grow your own herb garden. Not only will your herbs be fresh and your garden abundant with amazing smells-- you'll save greenbacks, too.
7. Wash and rinse with cold water. As much as 85% of the energy used in a washing machine comes from the hot water. Also try to line-dry when ever possible.
8. Use eco-friendly cleaning products. Or, why not just make your own using inexpensive household products such as white vinegar, baking soda and ammonia?
9. Be a thrift shopper. Why spend a whole paycheck on something new when you can find it slightly loved (and less than half the cost) at your local thrift store.
10. Turn down the temperature on your hot water heater. Just a few degrees can save you a lot of money and, chances are, you'll hardly notice the difference.

For more great tips and lots of in depth detail about how to go green at home visit:

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