



Green Rooms

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What is Green?

- Any means that improves the health of ourselves and our planet
 - Save Energy
 - Save Resources
 - Save Water
 - Reduce Waste
 - Reduce Toxicity in Air, Water, Land



Lots of Ways to Green Your Home

- Reduce your Energy use
- Reduce your Water use
- Use no-VOC Materials
- Use Rapidly Renewable Materials
- Use Local Materials
- Use Recycled Materials
- Select Durable and Repairable Products



Let's Go Room By Room!

- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Bedroom
- Living Rooms
- Office
- Mechanical Room
- Garden



Room by Room

- Health
- Energy
- Resources (especially water)
- Waste



Kitchen

- **Food storage and refrigeration**
- **Lights – task, ambient**
- **Water Supply**
- **Waste Disposal (→ Resource Recovery)**
- **Cooking – efficient cooking techniques**
- **Cabinets**
- **Countertops**
- **Floors**
- **Labor Saving Appliances**



Bathroom

- Shower and bath – *the double dipper*
- Water Saving
- Waste Disposal (→ Waste Reduction)
- Temperature & Humidity
- Lights – task, ambient
- Countertops and cabinets
- Floors
- Cleaning and disinfecting



Bedroom

- **Air sealing**
- **Ventilation**
- **Lights – task, ambient**
- **Bedding materials**
- **Floors**



Living Rooms

- **Air sealing**
- **Ventilation**
- **Lights – task, ambient**
- **Cabinets**
- **Floors**



Office

- **Air sealing and ventilation**
- **Lights – task, ambient**
- **Office furniture**
- **Computers, printers, copiers**
- **Floors**
- **Labor Saving Appliances**



Mechanical Room

- **Furnace Drafting**
- **Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning**
- **Water heating**
- **Water Supply**
- **Laundry**



Garden

- Rainwater reduction
- Rainwater detention
- Composting
- Food production
- Native Plants



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The Best Things You Can Do

- Close up those holes in your house – people lose 15 to 50% of their heating and cooling energy to leaks in their homes – they also make your home less comfortable. Seal around your attic access, over your inside soffits, your rim joists, your windows, can lights, all those holes the cable guy drilled.
- Get low-flow shower heads and sink aerators to give you the same effectiveness with less water
- Replace your old toilets with new low water use toilets
- Compost your kitchen scraps – reduces your landfill and sewer impact
- Get a programmable thermostat and program it!
- Grow native plants in your yard – reduce watering, fertilizer, mowing and trimming equipment

You can spend less than \$500 and save 30% or more of your energy and half your water, depending on what steps you may have already taken.

