
Ten Ways to be GREEN @ Home

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1. Plant a Tree

- Trees around your home can increase its value up to 15% or more. The trees you plant remove CO₂ from the air and help fight global climate change; they produce oxygen and give songbirds a home. Trees provide many other benefits.
- "One acre of forest absorbs six tons of carbon dioxide and puts out four tons of oxygen. This is enough to meet the annual needs of 18 people."—U.S. Department of Agriculture
- "If you plant a tree today on the west side of your home, in 5 years your energy bills should be 3% less. In 15 years the savings will be nearly 12%." —Dr. E. Greg McPherson, Center for Urban Forest Research

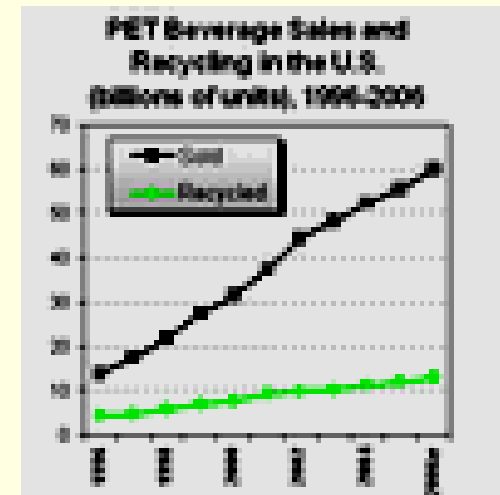
2. Work from Home

- Telecommuting isn't for everyone, of course, but one person telecommuting just one day a week can reduce emissions by 400 pounds per year.
- Nearly 20 million Americans telecommute at least once a month.



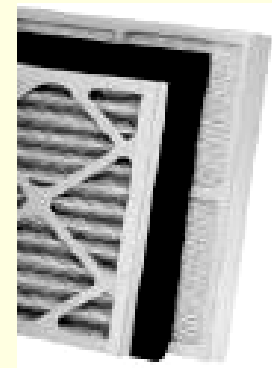
3. Use a Water Filter

- **175,485,785,000**
– the number of beverage cans and bottles that have been land-filled, littered, and incinerated in the U.S. so far this year.
- What's the difference between bottled water and tap water?



4. Maintain Household Appliances

- HVAC system. Filter, coils, combustion safety
- Water heater. Wrap and insulate water lines, drain sediment, replace anode rods
- Refrigerator. Clean coils, keep full, when to replace...
- Exhaust fans. Use them, (noise level and controls) and make sure they're vented outside.



5. Conserve Water

Inside and Outside

- Aerators and other low-flow fixtures
- Landscape with native plants and limit turf
- Rainwater collection
- Other irrigation techniques (water in the early AM, rain sensors, zoned systems)



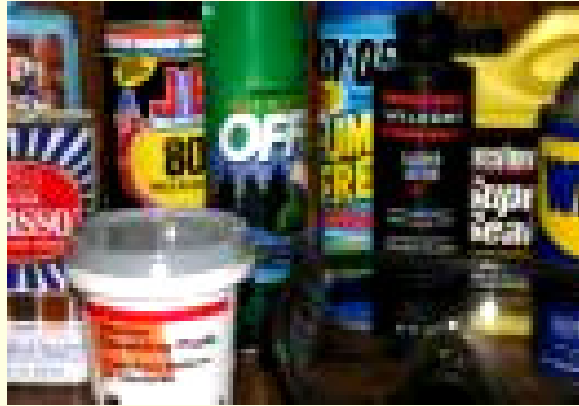
6. Recycle and Buy Recycled



- For recycling options in your local area:
www.eartheasy.org
- Any branch of the United States Postal Service will receive a variety of paper products for recycling.

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7. Consider Household Hazardous Waste



What you didn't know was hazardous...

- Contact your municipal government to learn about hazardous waste disposal in your area. Often there are designated drop off days for household materials.

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- **Cleaning Products**

Use baking soda to unclog your drain, polish your silver and more.

- **Pest Control Options**

Find helpful methods and non-toxic deterrents for 10 common home invaders at www.eartheasy.com

- **Take your Shoes off at the door.** From pesticides to parking lot residues, shoes can track unwanted pollutants into your home.



8. Express Yourself



- Let public officials, corporate leaders, and other decision-makers know how you feel about local, national, and global issues.
- **The switch is on!**
Now you can choose cleaner, greener electricity generated from wind, solar power, and landfill gas. Contact your utility provider to ask about your options for alternative energy use.

9. Compost



- Reduce the need for chemical fertilizers
- By combining with recycling the garbage collectors may think you've moved!
- Nine out of 10 people who start composting are still at it 10 years later

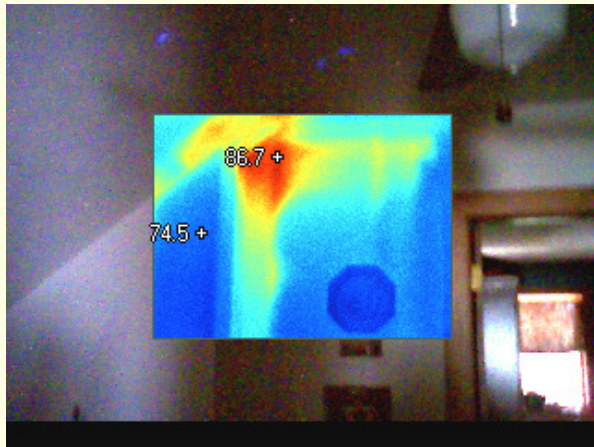
10. Weatherize your home (DIY and professional measures)

■ Simple Steps

Almost every magazine on the newsstand, has a tip for improving home energy efficiency. **Take a hint.** Change out light bulbs, weather-strip your doors and attic access, caulk around holes in your floors walls and ceiling.



Weatherize your home (DIY and professional measures)



■ Professional Help

Home energy professionals can provide assistance in determining your home's energy improvement priorities.

They have diagnostic tools to 'see' behind the walls, measure duct leakage and they can identify common construction defects that lead to energy inefficiencies.

Comments & Questions

Thank you for your interest in going GREEN @ home.

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