

# Making Your Home Greener

## Benefits

	HEALTH & SAFETY	COMFORT	SAVINGS	DURABILITY	ENVIRONMENT
<b>Reduce your homes energy consumption</b>					
- Have a Home energy audit conducted by a BPI-certified professional. Implement some or all of their recommendations.	✓	✓	✓		✓
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs			✓	✓	✓
- Install programmable thermostats.		✓	✓		✓
- Have your home air-sealed and or have additional insulation installed.		✓	✓		✓
- Install Energy Star rated windows and doors or Install weather-stripping around existing "leaky" units.		✓	✓		✓
- Maintain your HVAC systems and when replacement is needed opt for higher efficiency systems.	✓	✓	✓		✓
- Consider installing solar panels for hot water heater electric supply.	✓	✓	✓		✓
<b>Improve your indoor air quality</b>		✓	✓		
- Use natural, non-toxic detergents and cleaners.	✓				✓
- Consider installing whole-house air cleaners and a fresh air intake for combustion appliances.	✓				✓
- Install carbon monoxide testers.	✓				✓
<b>When improving your house</b>					
- Install Energy star-rated appliances	✓				✓
- Insist on your builder using FSC certified lumber.					

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- Consider recycled and re-claimed building materials				✓	✓
- Use low VOC paints – look for the Green Seal.	✓				✓
- Use low maintenance, sustainable or recycled materials for exterior decking, trim and siding				✓	✓
- Install low-flow plumbing fixtures such as for faucets, toilets and shower heads.			✓		✓
- Consider installing a hot water recirculation loop to you master bath.		✓	✓		✓
<b>Living day to day</b>					
- Unplug electric chargers for devices when not in use.			✓		✓
- Use electric lawn equipment like mowers, weed eaters and blowers.	✓		✓		✓
- Install a drinking water purification system to reduce bottled water use.			✓		✓
- Install rain barrels on gutters and use collected water to water indoor and outdoor plants.				✓	✓
- Recycle anything and everything possible.					✓