

## What you need to know on building a green home

What does it mean when people say that they are building a green home? Features of most green homes include utilizing the sun and land for natural heating and cooling, lessening waste produced by construction, making use of sustainable [resources](#), and employing energy efficient fixtures and appliances. These features can be implemented in many ways both in building a green home and in updating an existing home.

So, how can you go about building a green home? Actually, there are some pretty simple things that you can do to improve the home that you have or that you can take into consideration when building a green home. One of the biggest things that you can do to promote greenness in your home is to update fixtures and appliances, especially those that use water.

One of the first things to do is to update your toilet. Older toilets use a lot more water than new ones and are relatively easy to replace. Another important group of fixture to check are your faucets. Gallons of water can be wasted each day from leaky faucets and you may not even realize it! I realize that replacement is expensive, but top-loading washers do use more water than do front loading washers. Don't run out and buy a new washer today, but do keep this in mind when you are in the market for one.

Another thing to keep in mind for either building a green home or updating an existing structure is the type of windows and insulation that you are using. If you are building a green home, paying a little more for energy efficient windows can help cut heating costs, which is especially important with today's fuel costs. Additionally, proper insulation can help cut both heating and cooling costs.

While I understand that it is not always possible to go out and spend a lot of money on updates for your home, there are many things that you can do to that are very inexpensive. I think the most inexpensive thing that I have done to make my home more green is to purchase a water-saving showerhead. It cost me about seven dollars, and uses half the water that a conventional showerhead does. Building a green home or updating an existing home is actually pretty simple and does not need to be expensive.    Similar articles [Green built home](#) -- [Blogs](#) --

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