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# HOME

Making a few smart choices (and small changes) inside and out can turn your home into a model of energy and resource efficiency.

## {20} roofing & siding

Choose roofing with recycled content—metal, rubber, plastic, and wood fibers—as well as a light color and/or high reflectivity, so the sun's heat will be bounced back into the atmosphere not your house. Metal and cement-based siding both can boast recycled content, or opt for reclaimed or Forest Stewardship Council-certified solid or engineered-wood products.

## {21} landscaping

Plant deciduous trees that will shade your house during the hottest hours of the day, and plan windbreaks to divert the coldest winter winds.

## {22} windows

Prevent heat loss and gain inside your home by installing double- or triple-glazed windows throughout your house—you may save more than 30 percent on energy costs by doing so. Look for windows with the EPA's Energy Star label, and visit [efficientwindows.org](http://efficientwindows.org), the Web site of the Efficient Windows Collaborative, for help choosing the best glazing for your climate.

## {23} lighting

Long-lived compact fluorescent bulbs are ideal for exterior lighting. In colder climates, purchase a lamp with a cold-weather ballast, as standard CFLs may not work well when temperatures dip below 40 degrees.

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### ECO-FRIENDLY CHOICES

Once you start looking, you'll find that many manufacturers have finally gone green. Here are a few new energy-, resource-, and water-saving products worth considering.



**{30} ROOFING & WINDOWS**  
EcoStar Recycled Rubber and Plastic Roofing. Carlisle; [ecostar.carlisle.com](http://ecostar.carlisle.com). Profinish 600 Windows. Simonton; [simonton.com](http://simonton.com).



**{31} PAINT**  
Aura Paint, Benjamin Moore; [benjaminmoore.com](http://benjaminmoore.com). Mythic Paint; [mythicpaint.com](http://mythicpaint.com).



**{32} LIGHTING**  
Westmont Fixture with vintage blue glass shade, Schoolhouse Electric; [schoolhouseelectric.com](http://schoolhouseelectric.com).