

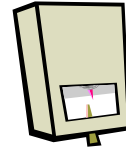


CINCINNATI ZOO & BOTANICAL GARDEN



Ten Tips to Make Your Home a Little Greener

1. Set your thermostat two degrees higher in the summer and two degrees lower in the winter to save energy and reduce CO² emissions.



2. Use a water heater blanket to reduce the amount of energy it takes to produce hot water.

3. Replace your incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescents, which produce more light while using less energy and last about ten times longer.



4. Prevent heat from escaping through the windows by installing double pane windows, caulking window edges, and keeping blinds closed.

5. Conserve water by installing faucet aerators, low-flow toilets and showerheads, and putting a brick or ½ gallon jug in your toilet tank.



6. Capture storm water in a rain barrel or rain garden to prevent flooding and sewer overflow.

7. Install flooring made of rapidly renewable bamboo, which grows three feet a day and regenerates in a single year.



8. Use non-toxic, composite lumber, made of wood waste and recycled plastic, to build your deck instead of treated wood lumber.

9. Compost your natural food scraps and yard waste, and use it as mulch in your landscaping and garden.



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