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### **HELPING YOU MAKE THE RIGHT MOVE**



### Household items that can be reused

"Reuse, reduce, recycle" is a mantra used by many eco-conscious men and women. Reducing, reusing and recycling is not just a great way to conserve energy and natural resources, but also an effective means to saving money.

Men and women may not know it, but they likely have many items around the house that they can reuse and repurpose. This can reduce the amount of trash sent to landfills and help conserve the resources used to manufacture new products. The following are some common household items that can be reused or repurposed.

- Containers: Glass jars and coffee cans are two examples of containers that don't have to be discarded once the pasta sauce or coffee grains have been used up. Foodies who like to make their own sauces or spreads can repurpose old pasta sauce jars into storage for their homemade foods, such as marmalades, while coffee cans can be turned into storage for miscellaneous tools such as nails or screws. Parents of young children can even turn old pasta jars into banks for their children, who may grow excited as they watch the jars gradually fill up with coins.
- Plastic milk jugs/water bottles: Gardeners can turn gallon milk jugs that would otherwise go into the recycling bin into watering cans for the plants in their gardens. Water bottles can be reused to water indoor plants.
- Takeout containers: The organization Ocean Conservancy notes that single-use plastics, including plastic takeout containers, are among the biggest threats to the world's oceans. But plastic takeout containers need not be used once and discarded. Many such containers are microwave- and dishwasher-safe, meaning they can be reused over and over. Use such containers to store leftovers or as serving dishes when hosting

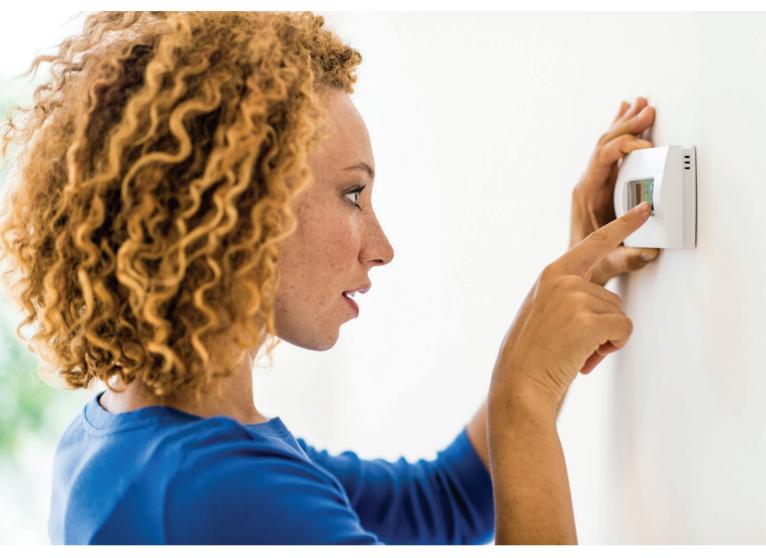
less formal affairs at home.

• **Toothbrushes:** In lieu of discarding plastic toothbrushes once they're no longer effective at cleaning teeth, men and women can repurpose them as cleaning utensils to use for hard-to-reach spots. Toothbrushes can be used to clean rims around toilets and to scrub grime between bathroom and kitchen sink fixtures.

Many inexpensive items people are accustomed to discarding can be reused and repurposed, which can help remove tons of garbage from landfills and reduce the amount of plastics that find their way into the world's oceans.



## Go green to save money



Going green is its own reward. A decision to focus on conserving energy, reducing waste and protecting the planet can pay both short- and longterm dividends, benefitting not only current generations but those to come as well.

Going green also can be a great way to save money. Whether you're a retiree living on a fixed income and looking to cut costs, a parent hoping to reduce your family's monthly expenses or simply an eco-conscious individual, the financial benefits to going green can be substantial. The following are just a handful of the many ways to go green and save money.

• Work with your energy company. Energy companies may work with their customers to incentivize conservation. For example, ConEdison, an energy company that serves roughly 10 million people who live in New York City and nearby Westchester County, offers as much as \$135 in

rebates to customers who purchase Energy Star®-certified smart thermostats and enroll them in a company-sponsored program designed to reduce strain on the local energy grid. People enrolled in the program allow ConEdison to make brief, limited adjustments to their thermostats during the summer, and users can override those adjustments at any time. By enrolling in such programs, customers can save money and conserve energy.

• Work with your neighbors and coworkers. Men and women who drive to their offices can conserve and save by organizing office or neighborhood carpools. Fewer cars on the road means fewer emissions, greatly benefitting the planet. And by sharing driving duties with neighbors and/or coworkers, men and women can dramatically reduce their fuel costs. Parents can organize similar carpools with other parents

to cut back on the emissions and fuel consumption associated with getting kids to and from school, sports practices and other activities.

### • Invest responsi-

bly. Another way to go green and save money is to alter your investment portfolio to focus on socially responsible investments. Such investments include companies that emphasize environmental sustainability. According to the Global Sustainable Investment Alliance, as of 2016 there were \$22.89 trillion of assets being professional managed under responsible investment strategies, including those focusing on protecting the planet. Speak with your financial planner about investing with companies that use the environmental, social and governance, or ESG, investing model. Investing in such companies may not cost any less than investing in other industries, but it's a great way for investors to give back and feel good about the money they're investing and making.

Embracing eco-conscious practices is a great way to protect the planet and benefit your bottom line.



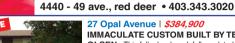
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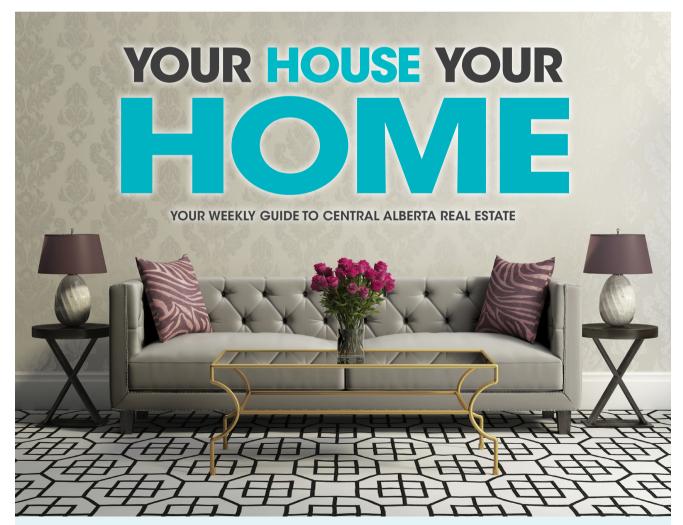


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# Conserve water with rain barrels

Rain barrels provide an eco-friendly opportunity to repurpose rain water while helping homeowners conserve water and save money. But homeowners must exercise caution when using rain barrels in their lawns and gardens. Water collected by rain water should never be used for drinking, cooking or bathing.

Pet owners should know that water collected by rain barrels also should not be used to bathe pets. Rain barrel lids should also be tightly secured to prevent mosquito infestations. Secure rain barrels to also protect children and pets from falling in. Overflow valves should always direct water away from structures to prevent water damage to homes or sheds.

In addition, to reduce risk of falls and injury, homeowners should be certain that water is not directed toward sidewalks, driveways or other areas where foot traffic is common. Before the arrival of winter, homeowners should disconnect their rain barrels from downspouts to prevent the formation of ice.





# Three ways to make your home more energy efficient



Whether you're building from the ground up or renovating your existing house, there are many things you can do to reduce the amount of electricity it takes to power your home. Not only is it better for the environment but it'll also save you money in the long run. Here are a few ways you can improve energy efficiency in your home.

**Insulate:** install both high-quality insulation and well-insulated windows and doors to stop cold air from coming into your home. Your heating and cooling system won't need to work as hard to maintain a comfortable temperature.

**Solar power:** install solar panels on your roof to produce your own clean electricity. If you

generate more power than your house needs, you can make some money by selling it back to the electric company.

**Programmable thermostat:** avoid heating your home when nobody's there by installing a programmable thermostat that can be set to lower your home's temperature both during the day and while you're asleep.

Even if renovating isn't in your current plans, there are still lots of things you can do to reduce your energy consumption. Replacing regular light bulbs with LED lights and installing thermal curtains to block cold air from getting into your house are simple measures you can take.

# OPEN HOUSE

### **CENTRAL ALBERTA'S OPEN HOUSE LISTINGS**

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# Interior designer vs. interior decorator:

## what's the difference?



You've probably heard the terms interior designer and interior decorator used interchangeably. However, they actually describe two different but similar professions.

Interior designers complete two- or fouryear degree programs that involve studying subjects like colour theory, architecture, computer-aided design and spatial planning.

They work with architects and contractors to plan and renovate spaces and can be involved in every step of the remodelling process, from drawing up floor plans to adding the final touches.

Interior decorators focus on esthetics. They help transform spaces that are already built by making recommendations about paint colours, furniture styles, lighting and accessories. They're not required to complete professional training (though many decorators do), and they usually work directly with businesses and homeowners.

### Should I hire a designer or a decorator?

If you need help with designs during a renovation, it's best to go with an interior designer. They'll help you create a space that serves your specific needs and aligns with your particular tastes. However, if you're mainly looking to update the appearance of a space, a decorator can help you achieve a whole new look by rearranging and redecorating.

In the end, what matters most is not the job title, but the skills of the designer or decorator in question. Choose a company or professional with a reputation for high-quality designs and expertise in the type of work you're looking for.



If you have trouble winding down at night, your bedroom may be part of the problem. Here are four tips on how to organize your bedroom to achieve optimal sleep.

**Invest in your bed.** Don't skimp when it comes to the quality of your mattress — your comfort directly affects the quality of your sleep. If your mattress is over seven years old, shows signs of wear or simply doesn't feel comfortable, it's time to invest in a new one. You should also select quality bedding; choose sheets with high thread counts made from materials like Egyptian cotton or satin.

**Pay attention to lighting.** Darkness is vital for allowing your body to go into sleep mode. Make sure your curtains and blinds adequately block out natural light (buy blackout curtains

if necessary) and choose light bulbs with lower wattages.

**Get rid of clutter.** A cluttered bedroom can create anxiousness so it's therefore best to keep your room well organized and accessories to a minimum. Don't forget that your bed should be the focal point of the room.

**Limit electronics.** Electronic screens emit a blue light that can keep you awake. Avoid placing a TV in your bedroom and consider charging your phone in a closed drawer when trying to sleep.

**One final tip:** if you regularly struggle with sleep, think about getting an air purifier for your bedroom. Not only do they make it easier to breathe, but they also create white noise that blocks out disruptive sounds.

# How families can go green together



Interest in eco-friendly lifestyles has long since spread beyond environmentalists and activists and has become a goal for people from all walks of life. Going green can even be done as a family.

Families have multiple incentives to embrace an eco-friendly lifestyle. Going green can protect the planet for younger members of the family who will have to confront the consequences of today's decisions for decades to come. Going green also can save families money the moment they decide to change their lifestyles, providing a more immediate incentive.

Families interested in making their efforts to be

more eco-friendly a team effort can embrace the following strategies.

- Wash clothes in cold water. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, heating water accounts for roughly 90 percent of the energy washing machines require to clean clothes. By washing clothes exclusively in cold water, families can drastically reduce the energy their washing machines consume, and clothes will still be clean at the end of each wash cycle.
- Wash only in full loads. Whether washing clothes or washing dishes, families who want to go green together can resolve to only run their

washing machines or dishwashers when both are full. The EPA notes that only doing full loads of laundry can save more than 3,400 gallons of water each year. When washing dishes, do only full loads but avoid overcrowding the dishwasher. Overcrowding might mean some dishes are not thoroughly cleaned, which may require running another load or washing them by hand, both of which can be wasteful.

• Turn off the faucets when brushing teeth. Another way families can pitch in to conserve energy and save money together is by turning off the faucets when they brush their teeth. Parents of young children can brush their teeth with their youngsters in the morning and at night, explaining to them how brushing without the faucet running can save untold gallons of water every year. This will conserve water and lower the

monthly water bill.

• Hang energy saving curtains. Energy-saving curtains reduce the amount of heat that passes through windows when the weather outside is cold, keeping more warm air inside and reducing the need to hike up the thermostat. In the summertime, heat from the outside may pass through window glass easily, but it's far more difficult for heat to pass through fabric. By hanging energy-saving curtains together with their children, parents can explain how the curtains are more than just decorative; they are also a helpful ally in protecting the planet.

Going green together as a family can help parents save money and provide a valuable teaching opportunity that can benefit youngsters and the planet for years to come.



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