



10 Green Projects For Under \$100

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- 1) Build a clothesline
Next to the refrigerator, the dryer is likely the biggest energy hog in your house. Cut your dryer use by building a simple clothesline. Just keep them out of the rain!
- 2) Plant more trees
More trees = more shade = lower cooling costs in the summer...
- 3) Install a programmable thermostat
Small initial cost combined with large immediate savings makes this a worthwhile investment. You may need to hire a professional to install it however.
- 4) Create a rain garden
A small garden can control runoff and give your home some extra aesthetics of which the neighbors will be jealous.
- 5) Install aerators on faucets.
Aerators allow you to rinse more with less water by fanning out the stream to cover more space.
- 6) Clean your refrigerator coils.
The refrigerator is the No. 1 energy waster in your home. Maintain it and it won't just last longer, it will run more efficiently.
- 7) Replace weather stripping around your house.
An air-tight home is an energy efficient home.
- 8) Insulate your hot water pipes and vents.
Less heat lost on its way to you means less energy is wasted during heating, so your heating costs drop.
- 9) Reduce light pollution
Shut off your lights at night and install a motion sensor in your garage. Not only do you save on energy costs, but you get a better view of the night sky.
- 10) Clean green
Don't buy expensive chemicals when common household products will work the same.