




LOWER YOUR UTILITY BILLS

By making small changes in your home, you can reduce your average utility bills by up to \$100 per year.



CHOOSE GREEN PRODUCTS

Purchasing sustainable products is good for the environment and better for your health.



GREEN YOUR YARD

Making small changes in your yard can have a big impact for the environment and your family.



GREEN YOUR TRANSPORTATION

Environmental responsibility does not begin and end at your doorstep. Finding alternative modes of travel can be fun!



GREEN YOUR SCHOOL

20% of Americans attend school every day. Protect teacher, student, and staff health by creating healthier indoor environments.

ABOUT THE U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

The U.S. Green Building Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community of members, chapters, advocates and practitioners that give voice to our commitment to improve human health, support economies and protect the environment through green buildings. The Missouri Gateway Chapter is one of 79 Chapters and serves the community by educating and advocating for green building principles and practices.



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LOWER THE IMPACTS OF EVERYDAY LIVING.



10 WAYS TO GREEN YOUR HOME

Americans spend 90% of their time indoors.

These actions will help you lower the impacts of everyday living and create healthier places for you and your family to live, work and learn.



Choose ENERGY STAR qualified products and appliances. Switch to compact fluorescent (CFL) or LED lights. And save even more by turning off lights and appliances when not in use. The best way to save energy is to not use it!



Keep the air clean – choose paints and adhesives that are low-emitting as well as less toxic cleaning products.



Weatherize your home or tune up your heating and cooling system. Plugging leaks with weather stripping and caulk is easy and inexpensive. Be sure to check with your local utilities, state and municipality for incentive or rebate programs.



Plant native and adaptive plants – they require less water, fertilizer and pesticides and attract wildlife like birds and butterflies while also creating a healthy outdoor space for you and your family.



Reduce water use by switching to low-flow showerheads and adding aerators to sink faucets.



Get out of that car! Using public transportation, walking and biking are good for the planet and good for you.



Do you really need to make that purchase? Reusing and recycling are important, but reducing is the first step!



When it's time for a new car, choose the most efficient you can afford – and be sure to consider carpooling with family or co-workers.



Buy local – supporting local businesses and local jobs means reducing transportation, fuel and packaging needs since products travel a shorter distance.



Suggest an energy audit at your local school to identify upgrades. Money saved on energy bills can be better spent on textbooks, teachers and educational resources.