

Checklist: Addressing Green Potential

Low-Cost	Medium-Cost	High-Cost
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use CFC or LED lightbulbs • Install low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators • Start a compost pile • Plant trees • Insulate hot water heater • Weatherstrip and caulk doors and windows • Collect rainwater to water plants • Paint with low- or no-VOC paint • Replace filters • Install programmable thermostat • Plant a rain garden • Plant native plants • Place appliances or office equipment on powerstrip to reduce “phantom” load • Install motion sensors in offices and other common area conference rooms to turn off lights when not in use • Install water-efficient restroom fixtures • Take advantage of daylighting • Provide recycle bins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct an energy audit • Tune up HVAC • Replace carpet with no-VOC style • Replace hardwood flooring with bamboo or cork floors • Install tankless hot water heater • Insulate attic and other areas • Consider drought-resistant landscaping • Install engineered window shading to reduce heat loss or gain in commercial buildings • Buy recycled office products and equipment • Hire a consultant to conduct an assessment of lighting and heating and cooling systems for potential building upgrades and retrofits • Provide on-site bike room to encourage environmentally friendly commuting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buy ENERGY STAR appliances • Replace windows with double pane, low-e models • Replace roof with reusable / recyclable materials • Install solar photovoltaic panels • Remodel kitchen or bathroom with sustainable materials and features • Replace cabinets with sustainably harvested wood and low-VOC finishes • Install solar hot water heater • Install a green roof • Implement super energy efficient transformers • Use wind turbine systems to supplement common area maintenance electric chages • Implement on-site water reclamation system • Consider anaerobic digesters that use food waste and solid human waste to produce methane and generate power

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