

# Easy Ways to Make Your Home More Eco-Friendly

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Many homeowners want to enjoy their homes as well as their community by choosing to live an eco-friendly lifestyle. Supporting the local ecosystem is important in keeping plants, animals, and people healthier in your area. There are plenty of ways to incorporate eco-friendly practices and items within a home in order to help sustain the local environment. Check out these easy ways to make your home more eco-friendly.

## Plant Native Pollinators

Choosing to add new plants to your garden is a great way to support local wildlife. Native plants that are known for their pollinating attributes in your area are the best plants to use when trying to make your home more eco-friendly. Choose to plant locally native plants that will attract fluttering wildlife including hummingbirds and butterflies. Not only will [native plants](#) do well in your environment, but will also require less maintenance. Native pollinators help support the bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies that use those plants in order to pollinate others.

## Install A Rain Barrel

Make good use of all of the extra rain that your area receives each year by installing a rain barrel. This will help in collecting the rain during rainstorms and allow you to easily reuse that water to give plants a drink during dry times of the year. With the little or lot of [rain that your area receives](#) each year makes a rain barrel an easy eco-friendly choice for homeowners.

## Use Solar Power

There are plenty of ways to use the natural power of the sun to brighten up the outdoor spaces of your home. Using solar powered pathway lights and spotlights in your yard are a great way to cut down on your home's electricity consumption. Additional solar powered options include flood lights and porch lights that will help illuminate your outdoor space making it safer for use. Choosing a few lights in your yard to replace with solar powered options is an eco-friendly choice to make.

## Utilize Grass Clippings

It is very likely that you'll be spending some time mowing your lawn at some point throughout the year. Instead of bagging up clippings, consider mowing the lawn without the bag to [allow the clippings](#) to return to the soil. Doing so is a great way to naturally mulch your lawn as the smaller grass clippings will break down easily into the soil and provide an important addition of nitrogen. Choosing to not bag clippings also cuts down on yard waste that can quickly fill up local landfills.

## Create Natural Mulch

If you still don't want to allow grass clippings to return the lawn during a mow, consider bagging up the clippings to make into a natural mulch for landscaping. Covering garden beds with grass clippings is a great way to cut down on weeds and provide an extra layer of moisture to plants. You can also use bagged clippings for making your own compost along with other scraps from

the kitchen. Creating your own compost pile is a great way to add essential nutrients to your landscaping in the future once it breaks down enough.

There are plenty of easy ways to support the environment when it comes to any home lifestyle. Consider planting native pollinators that will become part of a strong eco-system. Installing a rain barrel as well as using solar powered light options are good ways to harness natural resources. Choosing to return grass clippings to the lawn or using them as natural mulching options are also other easy ways to make your home more eco-friendly.

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