

5 Sustainable Home Upgrades That Make a Big Difference

Sustainable home upgrades are becoming more and more popular as people look to renovate their homes and protect the planet. These eco-friendly improvements can make your home more comfortable and help you save money over time.

1. Energy-efficient windows

Designed to prevent your warm or cooled air from escaping your home, they provide increased insulation to lower your energy use and costs. Look for the Energy Star rating and review the energy performance label to find the most efficient windows for your home.



2. Solar roof

Solar technology is an essential feature for a truly sustainable home, and now it's more accessible than ever before. A solar roof requires an initial investment, but in the long term, you could produce enough electricity to power everything in your home — saving you hundreds of dollars per year while potentially increasing your home's value, too!



3. Tankless water heater

Tankless water heaters are an energy-efficient way to provide hot water in your home — and a big trend in real estate this year. These water heaters can be powered by gas or electric and can save you up to 70 percent on your heating bills. And because they're so compact, you can install it anywhere without sacrificing storage space. Plus, they can last up to 20 years, which is much longer than traditional water heaters.



4. Smart home appliances

When it's time to shop for new appliances, remember to look for the Energy Star label. Energy Star certified appliances are marked with a special sticker that details their efficiency statistics and estimated yearly operating costs and energy consumption.



5. Skylights

For rooms that get limited natural light, consider installing a skylight. This will draw in sunlight so you can use less electricity.

