

DIY HOME SUSTAINABILITY

checklist

AIR SEALING & INSULATION

- CHECK FOR DRAFTS AROUND DOORS, WINDOWS, AND OUTLETS
- USE WEATHER STRIPPING OR CAULK WHERE NEEDED
- INSPECT ATTIC INSULATION
- INSULATE BASEMENT RIM JOISTS AND CRAWLSPACES
- SEAL GAPS AROUND PLUMBING AND WIRING PENETRATIONS
- CLOSE FIREPLACE FLUE WHEN NOT IN USE

LIGHTING & ELECTRONICS

- REPLACE ALL BULBS WITH LEDS
- USE SMART POWER STRIPS OR UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE
- SET TIMERS OR MOTION SENSORS ON OUTDOOR LIGHTING
- USE DAYLIGHT AND OPEN BLINDS INSTEAD OF LIGHTS DURING DAYTIME

HEATING & COOLING

- REPLACE FURNACE/AC FILTERS (TRI-MONTHLY OR SEASONALLY)
- CHECK FOR LEAKING DUCTWORK, ESPECIALLY IN UNCONDITIONED SPACES
- CLEAN AND SERVICE HVAC SYSTEM BEFORE EACH SEASON
- USE CEILING FANS (REVERSE DIRECTION IN WINTER)
- INSULATE EXPOSED DUCTWORK AND HOT WATER PIPES



ENERGY & APPLIANCES

- USE ENERGY STAR-RATED APPLIANCES
- LOWER WATER HEATER TEMPERATURE TO 120°F
- WASH LAUNDRY WITH COLD WATER
- AIR-DRY CLOTHES WHEN POSSIBLE
- USE A SMART PLUG TO MEASURE DEVICE CONSUMPTION
- SCHEDULE LARGE APPLIANCE USE DURING OFF-PEAK HOURS

WATER CONSERVATION

- INSTALL LOW-FLOW SHOWERHEADS AND FAUCET AERATORS
- FIX LEAKY FAUCETS AND RUNNING TOILETS
- INSULATE YOUR WATER HEATER AND PIPES
- USE A RAIN BARREL TO COLLECT WATER FOR GARDEN
- ONLY RUN DISHWASHER AND LAUNDRY WITH FULL LOADS

LANDSCAPING & GARDENING (ZONE 6A SPECIFIC)

- USE NATIVE AND DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTS
- MULCH GARDEN BEDS TO RETAIN MOISTURE AND INSULATE SOIL
- COMPOST FOOD AND YARD SCRAPS
- PLANT WINDBREAKS OR SHRUBS TO BLOCK WINTER WIND
- SHADE EAST/WEST WINDOWS WITH TREES OR AWNINGS
- AVOID SYNTHETIC PESTICIDES AND FERTILIZERS

LIFESTYLE & HABITS

- REDUCE SINGLE-USE PLASTICS AND PACKAGING
- BUY LOCAL AND SECONDHAND WHEN POSSIBLE
- RECYCLE AND DONATE RESPONSIBLY
- REVIEW ENERGY BILL SEASONALLY

