

Green Alternatives for Appliances and Fixtures



ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping us all save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices. Energy efficient choices can save families about a third on their energy bill, without sacrificing features, style or comfort.



Refrigerators are the single-biggest energy consumer in most households. An Energy Star qualified top-freezer refrigerator uses less energy than a 60-watt light bulb that has been left on all day.

Top and bottom freezer/refrigerator units. These are more energy-efficient than side-by-side models because not as much cold air escapes. Not sure if your fridge can pass the eco-friendly test? Shut the door on a dollar bill — if it slides out easily then it's a sign the seal needs to be replaced.



Convection ovens. This type of oven uses a fan to drive heat rapidly from source to food so it cooks it 25 percent faster than a conventional oven.

Can garbage disposals be considered Green - composting is better?



Front-load washers use 65 -70% less water and 45 - 70% less energy than a conventional top-load.



Green Water: Water Conservation Techniques

1. Continuous Flow or On Demand Water Heaters
2. Low Flow and Dual Flow Toilets
3. Flow Restricted Fixtures: Showheads
4. Water Purification and Water Conditioners

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Choices in Eco-friendly Countertops

Consider using recycled composite countertops.

These countertops use recycled materials such as paper, metals, wood fibers and are durable as well.




PaperStone Certified and Paperstone Organic

PaperStone Certified is the only FSC Certified composite in the world made from 100% post consumer recycled paper and 100% water based resins. PaperStone Organic made from 100% bamboo fiber and a 90% organic resin system. Both by Klip Technologies



Eleek Recycled Aluminum Countertops

Unique, beautiful and easy to care for, Eleek Recycled Aluminum Countertops are a fresh answer to the demand for sustainable and stylish countertop options.




Our countertops do not fingerprint like stainless steel. They are lighter than stone, heat resistant (up to 300°F), and always pleasantly room temperature thanks to aluminum's highly conductive nature.

Eleek Countertops are customized to your kitchen. That makes each countertop completely unique. Plus, no cutting on site is required and installation is a breeze.




EnviroMODE

EnviroMODE terrazzo countertops and tiles are made from recycled tubs, sinks and toilets. Easy to maintain, durable, eco-friendly and beautiful, the recycled surface is available in hundreds of resin colors.



Heat- and scratch-resistant, EnviroMODE surfaces are also highly resistant to common stains and are easily cleaned with neutral cleansers. The products are VOC-free and do not require a seal.



EnviroMODE is created by EnviroGLAS, winner of the Texas Environmental Excellence Award for Small Business and the 2006 Outstanding Market Development Award from the National Recycling Coalition.

Eco-Friendly Countertops

Handmade, beautiful yet affordable. Each piece is unique, like you!

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10 Things to Know About Green Cabinetry



1. MB is committed to doing business only with cabinetry manufacturers who are certified under the KCMA (spell out) Environmental Stewardship Program.



2. Our manufacturers purchase hardwood from FSC-certified forests (elaborate)

3. Our major manufacturers are all local—within 100 miles—and all are within 500 miles, minimizing the energy required to transport finished products to their final destination.



4. Durability – cabinetry built to last the life of your home, etc. etc.

5. Our manufacturers reduce/recycle waste and recycle water as part of their manufacturing processes.

6. With the approval of our customers, MB donates old cabinets to the Good Shepherd Homes' Re-Place, assuring that recycled cabinets find a worthwhile new home.



7. Cabinetry is constructed with formaldehyde-free plywood and MDF board.

8. Finishes and adhesives produce minimize toxic off-gassing (VOCs) by using water-based products or low-VOC products.

9. Our manufacturers use products in their manufacturing processes which contain recycled content (e.g. particleboard).



10. Our manufacturers offer wood species harvested from rapidly renewable sources such as bamboo, etc.

Designs to make Recycling Easy for Your Family



Recycling stations. Handy recycling stations pull out for easy access. Other recycling cabinets are set on wheels so they can be moved wherever needed.

Learn more! Look for L.E.E.D.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, provides a suite of standards for environmentally sustainable construction.

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