


Green homes checklist



	Building an extension	Converting your loft	Building a conservatory	Replacing your heating system	Decorating your home	Refitting kitchens and bathroom	Replacing your windows
Orientation of building <i>page 40</i>	★		★				
Internal wall insulation <i>page 17</i>	★		★	★		★	
Triple glazing <i>page 23</i>	★	★	★	★		★	★
Cavity wall insulation <i>page 17</i>	★			★			
External wall insulation <i>page 17</i>	★		★	★			
Draught stripping <i>page 19</i>	★		★	★		★	★
Add insulation <i>page 16</i>	★		★			★	★
Insulate loft <i>page 18</i>	★	★		★			
Insulate water tank and pipes <i>page 27</i>	★	★		★			
Insulate doors <i>page 19</i>	★	★		★			
Insulate floors <i>page 22</i>	★			★			
Add porch or vestibule <i>page 46</i>	★						
Low energy lighting <i>page 33</i>	★	★	★			★	
Alternative energy systems <i>page 28</i>	★	★	★	★			
Improve temperature controls <i>page 25</i>				★			
Environmentally friendly materials <i>page 9</i>	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Water saving methods <i>page 35</i>	★		★	★		★	
Planning permission <i>page 45</i>	★	★	★				★
Building control <i>page 45</i>	★	★	★	★			★
Reduce waste <i>page 23</i>	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Nesting and roofing places <i>page 40</i>	★	★			★		

The environmental impact of a building can be improved in many ways without fully refurbishing it. Many opportunities arise as we gradually repair, extend and rebuild parts of our homes over time.

The checklist opposite illustrates the opportunities for incorporating many of the issues contained in this guide, such as what materials to use, insulating your home, incorporating renewable energy, saving water, assisting wildlife as well as a wide range of improvements that you may want or need to carry out.

It will often be cheaper to combine measures such as energy efficiency when you are undertaking repair work. **The checklist will prompt questions you will need to ask yourself, your builder or your architect.**

Note - Planning permission may be needed for some of these projects, particularly if you live in a conservation area or listed building.



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