



# Sustainability

## CHALLENGE

### : Living Room

#### Rethink your decor

We all can appreciate a freshly decorated home, especially one filled with sustainable products. Get creative when redecorating! Up-cycle materials to create your own art and accessories or shop at your local thrift store for gently used items. When purchasing new items keep it minimal and reach for fair-trade, sustainably made items first.

#### Shop sustainable textiles + furniture

Shop used before new. When purchasing new items keep it minimal and reach for fair-trade, sustainably made items first. Furniture and textiles made with natural fibers and cruelty-free materials are the best way to support sustainability. Shop local and support local artists that use sustainable materials to reduce your carbon footprint.

#### Clean sustainably

Clean your living room regularly with USDA Certified Organic and sustainable cleaning products. Simple choices like opting for GO by greenshield organic™ Glass Cleaner and reusable cleaning clothes can go a long way. Stay on top of your cleaning to avoid having to use additional product to get the same results. Make sure to dust off electronics regularly and keep them in cool well ventilated areas to ensure they are running efficiently.

#### Turn off the TV

Be sure to turn off your television and other electronics when not in use. Better yet, unplug them entirely if you can. These can drain a lot of energy and can reduce the life span of your equipment.

#### Upgrade your electronics

When it comes time to upgrade your electronics and televisions, opt for those with energy efficiency certifications and utilize energy efficient power strips to protect your new equipment.

#### Swap out lightbulbs

Replace incandescent or fluorescent lighting with energy efficient LEDs or CFL bulbs to save energy. Installing dimmers, sensor lighting and accent lighting can make it easy to create the perfect mood lighting and prevent lights from remaining on all day.

#### Turn down your AC and heat

When large areas of your home like the family and living rooms are expected to be unoccupied be sure to set your thermostat to a higher temperature in the warmer months, or lower the heat settings in colder months. This can cut your energy bill drastically!