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# Easy guide to an energy efficient home



Nobody prefers a sudden hike in their monthly electricity bill and not knowing the reason behind it. However, there are many ways to prevent that from happening. In order to make your home more energy-efficient, follow these simple steps suggested by PropertyGuru and RecomN.com.

## 1. Make use of natural light

Instead of closing the curtains and switching on the lights during the day, why not make use of natural daylight? Open your windows and curtains and flood your room with light.

## 2. Open your windows

Unless we're experiencing haze, you should open up your windows and ventilate your room instead of using aircond during the day time. Again, why spend so much energy cooling down the entire room, when a fan may work just the same?

## 3. Switch to energy-efficient lights

The prices of LED lights are coming down all the time, so it's a good idea

to replace the old CFL bulbs in your down lights, spotlights, table lamps and study lamps with LED bulbs.

## 4. Install solar panels for renewable energy

A typical solar panel cost for a two-storey home would be in the range of RM50,000. It may sound like a hefty sum upfront, but with the introduction of the Feed-in Tariff, you can sell any extra energy to TNB to offset your costs. If interested, apply to be a Feed-In Approval holder (FiA) at Sustainable Energy Development Authority Malaysia.

To find out more, visit the Feed-in Tariff (FiT) Program by Sustainable Energy Development Authority Malaysia at <http://www.seda.gov.my/>

## 5. Install high-performance window and tint film

For homes with windows that get direct sunlight, consider having a high-performance glass for the window or a good tint film to cut down the amount of UV and sunlight.

## 6. Switch off & not standby

Leaving appliances in standby

mode will draw a small amount of energy which adds up over time. So switch them off at the plug.

## 7. Regular checks on electrical appliances

It is crucial to have regular checks on appliances that you use around the house, as broken and malfunctioned electrical appliances can cause higher energy consumption than usual.

## 8. Buy energy efficient home appliances

When shopping for new appliances,

compare the energy consumption between models. One easy way to compare energy-efficiency is to look at the Energy Efficiency Label.



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