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Sustainability at Home (From RMIT.edu)

Here are a few hints to help you to be more sustainable and healthy at home.

- Close curtains at night – uncovered windows act as reverse radiators on cold nights, the cold glass drawing radiant heat from your body. Blinds and well-sealed curtains minimize cold air movement across window glass.
- Plant native plants that use less water and don't drop as many leaves that pollute waterways.
- Turning the tap off while you brush your teeth could save five liters of water.
- To ensure you do not over water your garden place an ice-cream container on your lawn while watering. When the water level in the container reaches 1 cm your garden has had a good soaking.
- Instead of boiling the kettle every time you want tea throughout the day, boil the kettle once in the morning and transfer the hot water to a thermos. This saves time, electricity and money.
- Choose cleaning products not only on the basis of how environmentally friendly they are, but with a knowledge of how the fumes they give off affect the internal environment of your home.

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This past year saw tremendous movements in Sustainability at Blue Ridge Community College. Among the initiatives were:

- [Sustainability Website](#)
- Organic Garden
- New Sustainability Logo
- Sustainability Tagline
- 2009-2010 Endowed Chair for Sustainability
- Energy Efficiency Retrofits of Buildings
- Green Jobs Seminars
- Recycling
- [Applied Technology Instructors Resource WebPage](#)
- New Sustainable Technology Certificate Program
- Jobs Now Programs in Photovoltaic Panel/Solar Thermal Installation and Weatherization
- Partnership for Environmental Technology Education Conference



UPCOMING SUSTAINBLE EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

- [Jobs Now Programs in Photovoltaic Panel/Solar Thermal Installation and Weatherization](#)
- [Clean Energy Conference and Green Jobs Seminars](#)—October 7 and 8, 2010