

WHAT IS GREEN DESIGN?

“Green Design” is another name for “sustainable design” or “design for environment”. It refers to designing the built environment and physical objects to have minimal impact on the environment. It is a growing trend in architecture, urban design and planning, and of course in interior design. The aim is to produce items and spaces in a way that reduces use of non-renewable resources, and minimizes any damage to the earth.

Homeowners can make their kitchens more environmentally-friendly by implementing several inexpensive measures. You can conserve water use in your kitchen by implementing a low-flow aerator, which can be bought in most at home-improvement outlets for less than \$10. Changing kitchen light bulbs from incandescent to compact fluorescent lamps can be environmentally sound, and save hundreds of dollars over the years. An effective recycling system involves a container beneath the sink for mixed recyclables and a small canister just for food scraps. Electric bills can be lowered by keeping a refrigerator set between 2 and 6 degrees C, and the freezer set at -15 to -18 degrees C. When considering purchasing major appliances or performing significant renovations, there are many environmentally-friendly products on the market, including light fixtures, flooring, and countertops. Your kitchen designer will discuss some of these options with you when developing your kitchen design.