

ECO

Big and small ways to cut your carbon footprint

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Top tiles

Eco Decking's roofing system uses 100 per cent recycled PEP resins to produce eco-friendly roof slates. Tested to withstand torrential weather, the durable slates are also fire retardant and have UV inhibitors. Available in three colours, they can be cut to fit. L41.9xW30.5xD1.3cm; from £35.66 per sqm. (01323 648 269; ecodeckingsystems.com)

GREEN KITCHEN STYLE

Go natural when you're cooking with the new Ecology kitchenware range at John Lewis. Using biodegradable or recyclable materials and sustainable wood, the collection includes recycled stainless-steel and bamboo utensils and acacia bowls. Prices start at £6.95 for a vegetable peeler. (0845 604 9049; johnlewis.com)



LIGHTS OUT

Get involved with WWF's Earth Hour on 31 March 2012 to highlight the need to protect the planet. It's simple to take part – all you need to do is switch off your lights at 8.30pm for one hour. (earthhour.org)

Recycle and reuse

Reclaimed timber ticks all the eco boxes: it's durable, natural and recycled. If you don't have an eco-friendly treasure hiding beneath your carpet, try Ecora's range of reclaimed wooden flooring. Pictured is Oak Parquet de Versailles. Materials and sizes are as varied as its sources – from industrial buildings and schools to grand chateaux. From £55 per sqm. (020 7148 5265; ecora.co.uk)

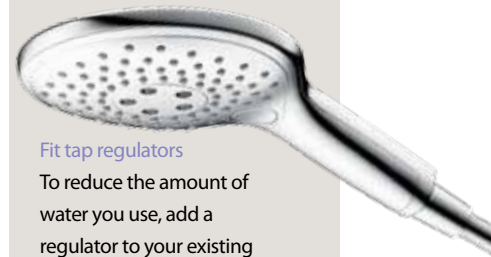


DO YOUR BIT

It's World Water Day on 22 March 2012 – check out these great ideas for saving water in your home

Update your showerhead

Hansgrohe's Raindance Select 150 Ecosmart showerhead reduces the water flow to around 9L per minute compared with a typical flow of 16L per minute. From £91. (01372 465 655; hansgrohe.co.uk)



Fit tap regulators

To reduce the amount of water you use, add a regulator to your existing taps. Crosswater's regulator can be used with any of its taps or showers. From £4.50. (0845 873 8840; crosswater.co.uk)



Fit a low-flush WC

Every time you flush a standard toilet, you could be using up to 11L of water. Azzura's Thin WC uses just 2.7L in a single-flush mechanism. From £367.20. (01279 771 159; alchemyaward.com)

