



Green Home Basics

*Questions to ask
when buying an existing home*

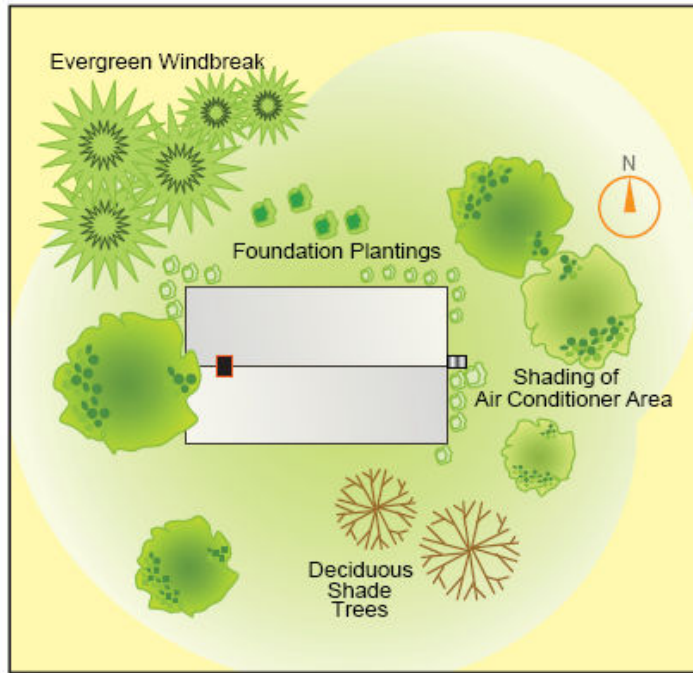
Energy savings
 Asset protection
 Water savings

			✓	Interior items
				6" outside wall construction (check exterior door)
				Attic Insulation 12+" deep
	\$			Bath, Kitchen and Laundry exhaust fans vented to the exterior of the house
				Centrally located furnace for distribution efficiency
				90% efficient or better furnace w/programmable thermostat
				Thermal Pane Windows
	\$			Downspouts direct water 3 ft away from home, or into storm sewer
				Low water usage toilet and showerheads
				Water heater within 20 feet of major use points
	\$			Insulated water pipes
				2000 or newer insulated water heater (check energy rating)
			✓	Exterior items
				Adequate roof and soffit venting or attic exhaust fan
	\$			Motion sensor light switches
	\$			Exteriors with minimum maintenance (brick, stone, cement board, etc.)
	\$			Grading of landscape away from home
				Longest walls face North and South
	\$			South facing windows are shaded by overhangs, covered porches, etc. to provide summer shade and yet allow in winter sun
			✓	Other Considerations
				Energy Star rated fixtures and appliances
	\$			Leafy trees located to the south and west of the home for summer shading (see sketches on back)
				Garage and/or least used rooms are positioned to the west side of the house
				Most rooms have windows on 2 walls, positioned for cross breezes
	\$			More greenery vs overly paved lot
	\$			Compact two-story vs expansive one-story
	\$			Windbreak on west/northwest side (shrubs, hedge, etc.)
	\$			Large, south facing covered porch
	\$			Walking distance to grocery store, pharmacy, parks, schools, public transportation, churches, and so on.

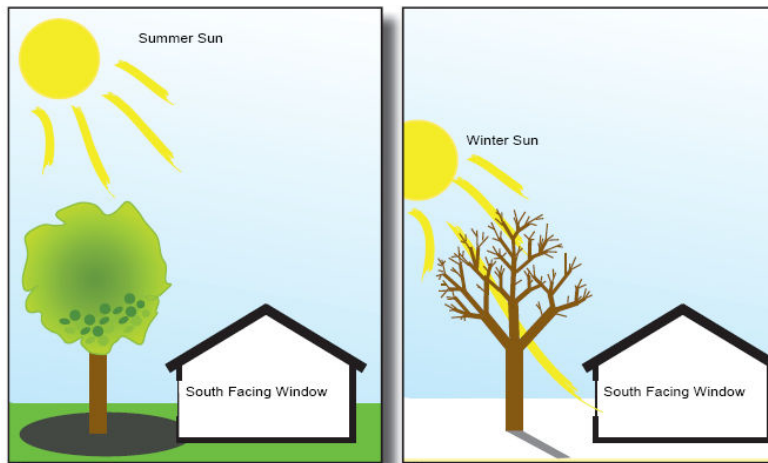
Home address: _____

Date of visit: _____ Realtor: _____

Notes: _____



Leafy shade trees, evergreen windbreaks, and foundation plantings can reduce heating and cooling costs while allowing the sun to warm the house in winter.



Leafless trees on the south and southwest sides allow light and warmth to penetrate and help heat the house during winter when the sun is lower in the sky.