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Environmentally-friendly, budget-conscious remodeling tips

Spring is around the corner and [studies](#) show a 13% increase in the number of homeowners who say they will remodel in the next 12 months. This spring, homeowners in Chicago should consider spending their remodeling budget in an environmentally-friendly way. Here are some easy, budget-friendly ways to remodel:

Revamp cabinets: Why replace kitchen or bathroom cabinets when you can give them an eco- and budget-friendly facelift? Save perfectly good cabinets from sitting in landfills by [refacing](#) them instead of replacing them this spring. Use low VOC paints and finishes, instead of traditional paints, to improve indoor air quality.

Keep cooling costs down: \$38.5 billion is spent annually to reduce heat gain or heat loss through windows according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Decrease your summer utility bills while increasing your property value with products such as [Panorama® window film](#) which offers up to [30% energy savings](#) – especially for those in hot climates.

Install Low-Flow Showerheads and Toilets: Why not save water and money? Most low-flow toilets use less than a gallon, versus 5 gallons per flush, and work just as well. Low-flow showerheads start around \$8 and are simple to install. Plus, they can reduce water consumption 50 to 70 percent and still leave you with plenty of water pressure.