

# A HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE TO TOP HOME RESOURCES

At Compare Home Warranty Quotes, we are dedicated to helping homeowners feel informed and empowered about their living spaces. Throughout the year, a large part of our effort involves helping homeowners compare and explore the benefits of buying a home warranty.

While our focus tends to be on comparing – and helping homeowners shop for – home warranty quotes, we also like to highlight simple strategies homeowners can incorporate into their daily lives to save on home energy costs, to create a happier and healthier home, and to better prepare for home maintenance costs. We also like to share preventative actions that can be taken to avoid home system wear and breakdown.

Explore this infographic to revisit our most popular home tips from last year!



## E-WASTE

E-waste is piling up in landfills around the planet and contributing to human health hazards. Reconsider buying the latest version of your electronic devices. And, when it is time to throw them away, be sure to trash your e-waste and batteries responsibly – by participating in community e-waste drives or finding trade-in programs.

## ENERGY CONSERVATION & LANDSCAPING

Well-placed trees not only beautify the area around your home, but also ease the work of HVAC units. The evaporation efforts of a single large tree can produce the cooling effect of 10 room-sized air conditioners operating 24-hours a day.

## GREYWATER

Conserve water and put greywater to use. Greywater systems repurpose water and save you money on your water bill. Easy-to-install laundry-to-landscape systems give water a second usable life while hydrating the landscape around your home.

## HOUSE PLANTS

Breathe easy. NASA knows about air quality. Trust their judgement. Open your windows for fresh air, or, if open windows aren't an option, grow English Ivy, Areca Palms, Rubber Plants, and Snake Plants to capitalize on their air purifying benefits.

## LIGHTBULBS

Keeping the lights on at home uses energy. Using more energy will result in a higher energy bill. One money-saving technique to keep your energy bill low is to switch off lamps and lights at home as you move from room to room. Re-consider ambient lighting, or if you are set on keeping a room bright, use only your most energy-efficient light bulbs and lamps.

And, when your lightbulbs burn out, be sure to dispose of them properly. Standard light bulbs, halogen light bulbs, and LEDs are OK to throw away in your regular trash, but CFLs and fluorescent light bulbs contain a small amount of mercury and need to be recycled properly.

## DUCT TAPE

Curing warts? Catching flies? Opening jars? This historic grey tape has its uses, but it's not really the best option for home repairs.

## KITCHEN APPLIANCES

A house wouldn't be a home without the kitchen, which is why it's important to have appliances you can count on.

Did you know? Most new appliances come with warranties – that is, true manufacturer warranties, as well as service contracts that retailers offer at the checkout counter – but, homeowners who choose to hold onto aging appliances can decrease their exposure to high repair costs by finding a home warranty that covers the costs to repair or replace kitchen appliances, like the refrigerator, dishwasher, and stove.

