



## GREEN ACORN CHECK LIST

### SECTION 1. ENERGY USE. [20 points]

	Hot water thermostats set at 60c maximum
	Thermostats fitted on all radiators. Living area max 20c, bedroom areas max. 16c.
	Loft insulation. Minimum 200 mm.
	Cavity wall insulation
	Double glazing fitted.
	Hot water cylinders insulated.
	Draught seals on doors & windows
	Facilities for air drying of washing
	Tumble drier. Eco grading A B or C
	Fridges & Freezers. Eco grading A B or C
	Washing Machine. Eco grading A B or C
	Washing machines fitted with low temp. Quick wash or Eco wash programme.
	Low energy lighting systems.
	Timer devices fitted to security lights or light activated switches
	Small kettles & water heaters in use.
	Good seals on fridges & freezers
	Green energy supplier.
	Use of Diesel or LPG powered transport for company vehicles.
	Use of solar panels .
	Instant hot water for hand washing.

### SECTION 2 USE OF CONSUMMABLES [10 points]

	Toilets fitted with water saving devices or dual flush system
	Showers fitted as preferred washing facility
	Rain water butts used for garden & plant irrigation.
	Metered supply for water.
	Use of recycled paper for towels & toilet rolls
	Use of recycled paper for copying.
	Use of recycled paper for packaging
	Use of recycled plastics for packaging – disposable bags etc.
	Use of recycled water for gardens . [ grey water]
	Shredding & re-using paper for packing or animal bedding etc. in house.

### **SECTION 3. POLLUTION [ 10 POINTS]**

	Use phosphate free detergents
	Use Chlorine free cleaning products
	Purchase from local suppliers & save miles. Food, beverage & all products.
	Supply & use disposal bags for each different waste product & sealed bins to avoid spills
	Encourage visitors to use local transport network, buses, trains etc. supply timetables.
	Use minimum amount of chemical products in premises in premises & outdoors.
	Use trigger sprays not products with propellants
	Store refuse in a tidy secure manner to prevent access to all vermin
	Walk, cycle , use public transport & car share whenever possible.
	Order stock in larger quantities when possible to stop repetitive deliveries

### **SECTION 4 WASTE. [ 10 POINTS]**

	Recycle all glass products
	Recycle all paper & cardboard
	Recycle plastic bottles
	Recycle cans. Aluminium & tin.
	Compost organic plant waste.
	Ensure old printer cartridges etc are sent for recycling
	Ensure visitors have a designated bin in which to place used batteries.
	Encourage use of re-usable bags & make available for visitors / customers
	Register with mailing preference service to stop junk mail arriving
	Ensure items that contain toxic materials such as freezers etc are disposed of correctly

### **SECTION 5.PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY. [5 POINTS]**

	Advertise the fact that you are a sustainable business on your web site & stationery
	Use the Green Acorn award Plaque on your premises
	Use the Green Acorn logo on your web site & letterheads.
	Advertise your business on the green Acorn web site with full contact details.
	Show that you actively encourage your visitors & customers to follow your example

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There are SUPER SAVERS which are not covered in the basic assessment but for which you will be awarded 5 additional marks if you have invested in any of these :

**Wind power - ground source heat pump - photovoltaic cells – water bank  
Borehole water supply - Eco powered vehicle – water power.**