

# 10 WAYS INTERIOR DESIGN CAN MAKE A HOME MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT

## 1 | Break The Floor Plan

Break up spaces with smart design solutions.

## 2 | Locate Rooms Intentionally

Make conscious decisions about which activities are best for each room depending on their orientation to natural daylight.

## 3 | Air Lock The Entrance Hall

Interior Designers can guide a client to reconsider removing walls when a different solution might not be instantly visible.

## 4 | Choose Insulating Window Treatments

The trapped air space between the window and the internal window covering can become an insulation layer.

## 5 | Choose Insulating Wall Finishes

Specify surfaces that are more sustainable in regards to sourcing but also better for thermal efficiency too.

## 6 | Choose Insulating Floor Finishes

The workmanship and details can impact thermal elements and play a part in how a house behaves as a complete unit (in regards to airtightness).

## 7 | Update Lighting To Exceed Regulations

Lighting technology and home automation directly influence energy consumption in regards to artificial lighting design and specification.

## 8 | Propose Low Energy Appliances

Any electrical items that generate heat as a result of using them (think computers, lights, vacuum cleaners etc.) are wasting energy.

## 9 | Propose Efficient Heating, Cooling & Ventilation

An interior designer can suggest more appropriate solutions that can work holistically across a home.

## 10 | Propose Exterior Changes Where Appropriate

An interior designer can propose exterior changes as part of a holistic design.