

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

The top 10 things you can do to make your historic house (and your lifestyle) more sustainable:

1. Practice conservation
2. Recycle everything feasible: paper, metal, glass, batteries, paint
3. Insulate the attic to at least R-39
4. Change *all* lightbulbs to compact fluorescents
5. Unplug electrical devices not in use
6. Invest in the most efficient HVAC system economically feasible
7. Buy only EnergyStar appliances
8. Change out toilets to low-flow models (Dallas provides vouchers)
9. Xeriscape the garden; minimize turfgrass; maintain irrigation system
10. Use only low-VOC products: paint, stain, polyurethane, plywood, carpet, cleaning supplies