

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES:

- The house was built in 1950 by an engineering professor at the U of MN who was a follower of Frank Lloyd Wright and interested in experimental architecture
- The house is passive solar with South facing windows with large overhangs to keep the summer sun out, black slate floors to absorb heat, set in thick concrete underneath to mass-load and hold the heat
- The whole house also has heated floors from a high-efficiency gas forced-air furnace
- The slate and marble floors are original to the house and all made from re-used materials
- I pay extra to have our electricity sourced from renewable energy sources; wind and solar
- The toilet and shower head are water-saving low-flow models
- Recycling is very important to me and we recycle everything possible
- All food waste is composted
- The wood for the patio fire-pit is all harvested from our land
- Most all of the outside lights are solar powered, the ones that aren't are LED
- All of the inside lights are high-efficiency LED bulbs
- The lawnmower is run by rechargeable batteries and the yard waste is mulched instead of bagged
- Snow shoveling is done by hand by a local family
- Most all of the yard power tools, such as blowers and string-trimmers, are run by rechargeable batteries
- All cleaning products (pre-covid) are non-toxic natural products
- Our dishwashing liquid, soaps, shampoo and conditioner are all natural products
- Paper products (toilet paper and paper towels) are made from 100% recycled paper
- All new towels and sheets are made from pesticide-free organic cotton

