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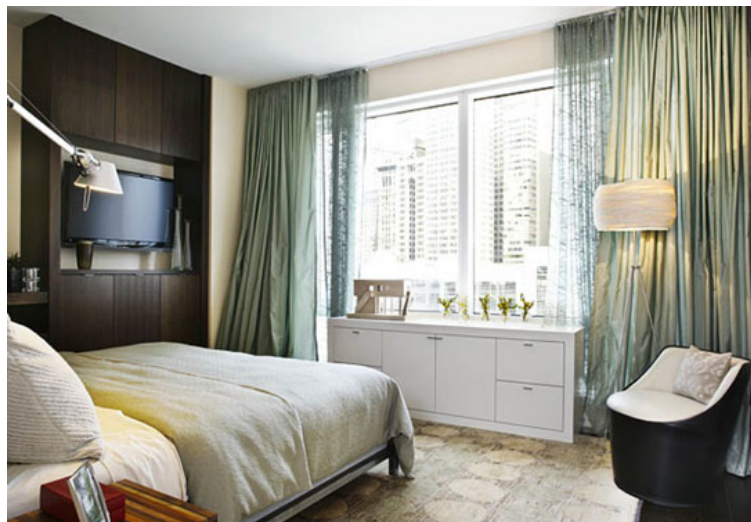
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What Makes This 'The Greenest Apartment in New York'? *The New York Post*



An article this week in *The New York Post* profiled a couple who purportedly have "the greenest apartment in New York City." That had me intrigued: what does an apartment have to look like to hold that title? What do the owners have to do do/buy/achieve for such a standard? For my part, I had a few guesses as to what would be on such a list. Do *you* think you know? [Jump below to find out:](#)

In the case of Jesse and Amanda Glickenhau, the way to get "the greenest apartment in New York City" is to do the following:

Start With: an ample budget (their three-bedroom, 1,700-square-foot condo cost around \$1,850 per square foot) and the ability to buy an apartment in the [Visionaire](#), a LEED-certified platinum condo building in New York. The Visionaire was constructed with the following green amenities:

- A fresh air filtration system
- A central water filtration system
- No or low VOC paints, sealants, and finishes
- Mold-resistant sheetrock
- Low-e glazed windows
- Super tight insulation
- Fluorescent, LED, and low-wattage halogen lights
- A micro turbine system with heat recovery technology to generate a portion of the building's electricity
- High-efficiency pumps and variable speed motors to conserve electric use
- Natural gas powered central heating and cooling
- Occupancy sensors and timers
- Energy Star sub-zero refrigerators and water-conserving Asko washers and dryers
- Photovoltaic panels on the roof
- A rainwater harvesting system and a rooftop garden
- At least 50% of all building materials contain some sort of recycled content
- Bamboo and grass cloth cabinetry and wall coverings
- FSC-certified wood
- Dual-flush toilets
- Bamboo kitchen cabinets
- Recycled glass bathroom tiles

Hire: an eco-friendly interior designer. In this case, Robin Wilson of [Robin Wilson Home](#).