

NO SMELLY COMPOST The Solon organic-waste collector has a dishwasher-safe removable bin that's odour tight when closed. Can be mounted in any granite or solid-surface counter. From \$475, Blanco Canada, 877-425-2626 or blancocanada.com for retailers.



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A smorgasbord of innovative products for the hardest-working room in the home. Written and produced by Cara Smusiak



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STEAM IT New high-efficiency dishwashers from LG (shown) and Maytag soften stuck-on food with steam, using less water than power-scrub washers. Kitchen Series SteamDishwasher, from approx. \$1,949, LG Electronics, 888-542-2623 for retailers; lge.ca. Jetclean II dishwasher with SteamClean option, from \$1,049, Maytag, 800-807-6777 or maytag.ca for retailers.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE LG's Hi-Macs Eden Collection acrylic countertops are made from a minimum of 12 per cent preconsumer recycled material – making them the only acrylic countertops with recycled content. They're also nonporous, antimicrobial and heat resistant. From \$75 per linear foot (installed), LG Solid Source, 877-853-1805 or lghi-macs.com for dealers.

Preconsumer recycled material refers to any materials that have been manufactured but have not reached the consumer – so leftovers and defective items can be recycled to reduce waste.



ZERO EMISSIONS AyA Kitchens and Baths' formaldehyde-free cabinetry is made from 100 per cent recycled particleboard. Finishes have a low level of pollutants. \$34,755 (as shown, including design, installation), AyA Kitchens and Baths, 866-292-4968 or ayakitchens.com for showrooms. ▷