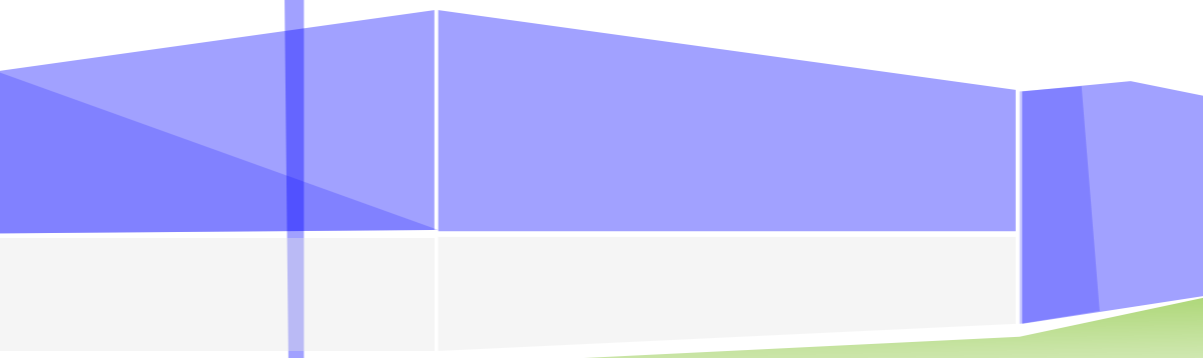
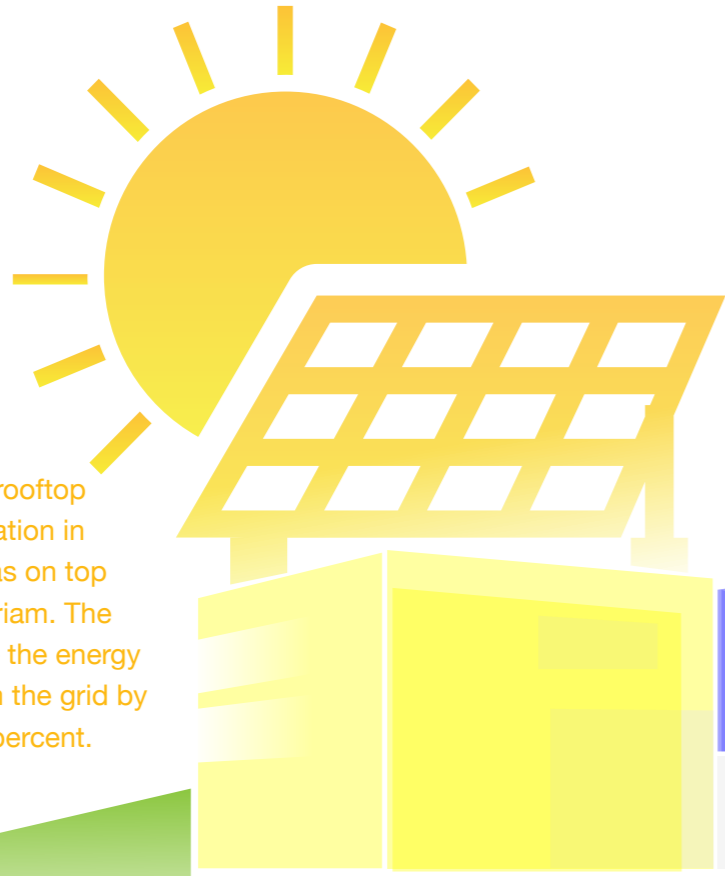


Ikea's sustainability at a glance— Take a look at what the blue and yellow megastore is doing to become more green.

SOLAR

IKEA has plans to install the largest rooftop solar panel installation in the state of Kansas on top of its store in Merriam. The panels will reduce the energy consumption from the grid by 20 percent to 50 percent.



WIND

In an effort to offset its energy consumption, IKEA purchased a wind farm in Hoopston, Illinois. Forty-nine wind turbines are under construction and should be running by spring of 2015.



GEO-THERMAL

The Merriam, Kansas, IKEA store is the second in the United States to have a geothermal installation. It is the largest single-use geothermal project in Kansas, Missouri or Nebraska.



LED

IKEA has plans to sell only LED lightbulbs by 2016. Currently, the stores sell LED and halogen bulbs. Traditional incandescent bulbs have already been phased out.



SHIPPING

IKEA flat packs all of its furniture, lowering shipping costs. Flat-packed furniture has to be assembled by the consumer. About 7 times more furniture can be shipped at a time when it is flat packed.



SHOPPING BAGS

IKEA has phased out plastic bags at the checkout. Instead, customers can purchase reusable bags or bring their own bags.



RECYCLING

Recycling containers can be found around IKEA stores. Some of the wood used in IKEA furniture is made of recycled wood waste.

