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A Note from Leslie

March is a month of green: There's St. Patrick's Day, trees bursting with new buds, and green grass making its first appearance in our lawns. This is also the time of year that I begin to think "green." Newspapers and magazines have been loaded with information on green cleaning and building products. This year, St. Louis buyers can even search for homes that contain energy efficient features like low-flow fixtures, geothermal HVAC, tankless hot water, and solar heating. Buyers can also search for homes that have met the different levels of green certification.

I felt pretty good with our decision to use geothermal and passive solar for our home a few years ago, but I am astounded by the number of new products available now. Frankly, if you are thinking about remodeling or building a home, research is necessary to help you make good decisions.

For those of us just maintaining a home or trying to get it ready to sell, the time for spring cleaning is here. Did you know there are entire books on eco-friendly cleaning products? The task of sorting through all the information can be daunting. I've included a link below that offers green cleaning alternatives that you might already have in your house. Part of my spring cleaning will involve sorting out the stuff I can do without, so I need to decide where I can recycle or donate, rather than toss these things. Newspapers and websites can be a good source for locations to drop unwanted items. The link to the St. Louis County website offers some solutions.

There are so many simple ways to go green. But I have to admit I hadn't given enough thought about changing my everyday habits. The March issue of National Geographic features an article, "Saving Energy, It Starts at Home," about a couple that went on an energy diet. It made me think about my habits. Though I'm not completely new to green ideas, this spring I plan to reeducate myself in this area. It's the time of year to think green!

RESOURCES FOR GREEN LIVING



Energy Savings: <http://www.lacledegas.com/conservation/hottips.php>

Recycling: http://www.stlouisco.com/doh/waste/waste_mg.html
<http://www.freecycle.org/>

Green Cleaning Alternatives: http://www.stlouisco.com/doh/waste/Natural_alternatives.pdf

Green jobs, products, etc: <http://www.stlouisgreen.com/>

Environmental Education: <http://www.earthwayscenter.org/>

CALENDAR

- March 21-22** Earthways Home Public Tour
- March 22, 1-3 pm** Open House at 1319 Treetop Trail Drive
- March 28, 8:30-9:30 pm** **Earth Hour 2009** - Switch off your lights for one hour, and try playing board games by candlelight...
- March 29, 1-3 pm** Open House at 17400 Cougar Trails Drive
- April 19, 1-3 pm** Open House at 18317 Allenton Forest Drive

* Please call or visit the website to confirm open house dates as they are subject to change



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