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**LEARN TO “GREEN” YOUR HOME, SAVE MONEY AND LIVE HEALTHIER AT GIANT STREET FESTIVAL**

*Attend the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Homes Festival, Saturday, Sept. 26*

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**WHAT:** 8<sup>th</sup> annual Green Homes Festival  
**WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**WHERE:** 3600 block of Grandel Square in mid-town St. Louis  
**COST:** FREE  
**SPONSORS:** Produced by Missouri Botanical Garden’s EarthWays Center and the Missouri Coalition for the Environment. Presented by AmerenUE and ecolifeSTL.com. Workshop sponsor: UMB Bank. Children’s activities sponsor: Carpenters’ District Council of Greater St. Louis and Vicinity. Major sponsors: Herb’n Maid, Lucky You Productions, Metro Transit, U.S. Green Building Council – St. Louis Regional Chapter, Cardinal Ritter College Prep, Event Partners, Laclede Gas, Murray Print, Schlafly Beer, St. Louis Community College, St. Louis Earth Day, St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District, Advanced Energy Solutions, Allied Waste Services, Enercept SIPs, GeoComfort, Habitat for Humanity St. Louis, Henges Interiors, Home Performance with ENERGY STAR, Missouri Solar Living, Mosby Building Arts, Renovation Services, Inc., Sheet Metal Workers Local 36, The Energy Savings Store, Whole Foods Market, Java Journal, Metromix.com, Radio Disney, Riverfront Times, and The Healthy Planet.  
**INFO:** [www.greenhomesSTL.org](http://www.greenhomesSTL.org); (314) 577-0220

(ST. LOUIS): Are you curious about going “green?” Do you want to learn more about sustainable living options in light of rising utility, food and fuel costs? Are you ready to make the leap from recycling and changing light bulbs to a bio-fueled car and a solar home? Over 70 exhibits and demonstrations from the region’s experts on all things “green” will fill an entire city block with learning and fun for all ages at the **Green Homes Festival**, Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the 3600 block of Grandel Square. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual event is hosted by Missouri Botanical Garden’s EarthWays Center and the Missouri Coalition for the Environment. Admission and parking are free. The first 800 families in attendance at the festival will receive a free reusable Whole Foods Market bag.

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## **ADD ONE: Green Homes Festival**

New this year, shop the **Sustainable Stuff Green Craft Fair** featuring one-of-a-kind adult and kids' clothing, jewelry, toys and home décor. Discuss your ideas for a green dream home and home improvements in the **Meet the Green Homebuilders** tent. **Meet the Energy Auditors** and see demonstrations of Home Performance with ENERGY STAR assessments that qualify for Missouri tax deductions. **Meet the Weatherization Specialists** to learn how inexpensive energy efficiency measures can make your home more comfortable and cut utility bills.

Kids, pick up a **Questing Map** to explore the Green Homes Festival and snap your photo with costumed recycling characters. Build a sun-powered miniature roadster to compete in the **Solar Car Derby** at 1 and 3 p.m. (kits are \$10 each). Decorate recycled tiles to make a mural with St. Louis Habitat for Humanity and SCOSAG. Transform garbage into art with the staff of the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts and the St. Louis Family Museum. Children's activities are sponsored by the Carpenters' District Council of Greater St. Louis and Vicinity.

Gather your family to help The Muny's Master Scenic Artist Sarah Linquist paint an **environmental mural** on a Metro bus from noon to 2 p.m., sponsored by AmerenUE.

**Hourly workshops** from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. will cover 28 topics ranging from beekeeping to composting, green party planning to electric cars, solar power to backyard chickens, rain barrels to native plant landscaping, and more! Purchase a \$10 wristband to attend any combination of workshops throughout the day, or a \$5 single-session ticket. Workshops will be held at Cardinal Ritter College Prep, 701 N. Spring Avenue, on the western end of the festival block. Visit [www.greenhomesSTL.org](http://www.greenhomesSTL.org) for a complete schedule of topics and presenters. Workshops are sponsored by UMB Bank.

More than 70 **displays and exhibits** by local businesses and organizations will offer information about solar, wind, geothermal and other renewable energy technologies; energy efficient lighting and appliances; cool roof retrofits; alternative vehicle and fuel options; windows, insulation and weatherization; heating and cooling systems; green home building materials and methods; home energy auditing; sustainable flooring; non-toxic home cleaning and decorating products; bicycle transportation; recycling and waste reduction; and much more.

Visit the shady **Local Food Court** to enjoy Schlafly Beer, Kakao Chocolate and healthy

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## **ADD TWO: Green Homes Festival**

foods from Atomic Cowboy and Local Harvest Grocery and Café. Bring your reusable water bottle and get free refills. St. Louis Earth Day's "Recycling On the Go" service will reduce the festival's waste-line by recycling and composting.

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The free **Green Homes Festival** is located in the 3600 block of Grandel Square, between Grand Blvd. and Spring Ave., just west of the Fox Theater and Powell Symphony Hall. For directions or more information, visit [www.greenhomesSTL.org](http://www.greenhomesSTL.org) or call (314) 577-0220.

Also on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 1 to 9 p.m., enjoy "Dancing in the Street," a free celebration of the performing and visual arts in the Grand Center arts district of mid-town St. Louis, surrounding the Green Homes Festival. Dance performances, theater and gallery events will take place on Grand Blvd. between Lindell and Delmar. For a complete schedule of events, visit [www.grandcenter.org](http://www.grandcenter.org).

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