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# GOING GREEN ON THE WESTSIDE

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A Green Living Guide for West Baton Rouge Parish

Dear WBR Residents,

West Baton Rouge Parish is a wonderful place to live and has taken many steps to becoming a cleaner, healthier parish. We all know to truly reach high goals all residents and businesses need to do their part.

This guide includes a wide spectrum of information ranging from saving energy, to recycling and important phone numbers. This guide will help you find the information you need to reduce your impact on the environment, save money, and improve your health.

Please take a few minutes to read thru this guide to familiarize yourself with its content. Together we can continue to "Love Where We Live" helping to ensure that West Baton Rouge Parish will be a healthy and clean place for generations to come.

Riley "PeeWee" Berthelot  
West Baton Rouge Parish President

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# Recycling Services

## Recycle Westside



### Frequently Asked Questions About Recycling Programs

Check [www.wbr council.org](http://www.wbr council.org), often for updates to frequently asked questions.

#### How do I get a recycling cart?

West Baton Rouge Parish Residents can Call the Utilities Department (225) 336-2406 Residents in the City of Port Allen can Call (225) 346-5670

#### What time should I put out my recycling cart?

Put your recycling cart out the night before your cart is to be picked up.

#### Which day should I set out my recycling cart?

- For areas **North of the Intracoastal**, including Erwinville & Rosedale Road (NOT INCLUDING the City of Port Allen): Carts will be picked up every **Monday**.
- For areas **South of the Intracoastal**, including **Hwy 1 continuing East** to the border: Carts will be picked up every **Tuesday**.
- For areas **South of the Intracoastal**, including **Hwy 1 continuing West** to the border: Carts will be picked up every **Wednesday**.
- For areas within the **Port Allen City Limits**: Carts will be picked up every **Thursday**

#### What should I do if the recycling truck accidentally misses my weekly pick-up?

West Baton Rouge Parish Residents can Call the Utilities Department 336-2406 Residents in the City of Port Allen can Call 346-5670

#### Can I recycle magazines, junk mail, newspaper inserts, and phone books?

Yes, place these items loose, not bagged, in your recycling cart.

#### What happens to the recyclables after they are collected?

Recyclables collected at curbside pickup are transported to The Recycling Foundation at 7923 Tom Drive. There materials are separated, baled, and shipped off to be processed into new recycled products such as newsprint, insulation, carpet, clothing, construction materials, tin and aluminum cans.

#### Do local businesses accept items for recycling?

The chart on pages 9-11 lists local businesses that accept recyclable materials.

#### Where can I recycle my used computer?

The Capital Area Corporate Recycling Council (CACRC) accepts computers and many other electronics.

#### Can I place recyclables in a plastic bag before placing in my recycling cart?

No, items should be placed loose in the cart. Plastic bags are not accepted for recycling.

# What goes in your recycling cart:

## PLASTIC

Plastic with #1 through #7 inside the triangular shaped recycling symbol, beverage bottles, food containers, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, prescription bottles, baby wipe containers, household cleaner and bleach bottles, flower pots, buckets (5-gallon or less, remove metal handles)

**NO** plastic bags, hangers, toys, 6-pack rings, chemical containers, packing materials, plastic wrap, Styrofoam

## GLASS

Clear, brown and green beverage bottles and food jars, wine bottles (remove top, cork and foil, rinse)

**NO** light bulbs, mirrors, window glass, drinking glasses, ceramics, Pyrex

## PAPER

Junk mail, coupons, white or colored paper, gift wrap, envelopes, paper grocery bags, shopping bags (remove handles), catalogs, magazines, newspapers and inserts (remove rubber bands and plastic bags, do not tie up newspapers), paperback books, telephone books, shredded paper (place in paper bag or clear plastic bag)

**NO** soiled paper, photos, hardcover books, carbon paper, newspaper delivery bags or rubber bands

## CARTONS

Juice, milk and cream boxes and cartons (rinse), cereal and cracker boxes (remove liners)

**NO** waxy frozen food packaging, take-out food containers, pizza boxes

## CARDBOARD

Corrugated and paperboard boxes, 6, 12 and 24-pack drink cartons (flattened), paper egg cartons, shoe boxes

**NO** pizza boxes, plastic or foam packing material, waxed cardboard or boxes with plastic or foil linings

## METAL

Aluminum, tin and metal alloy beverage, food and pet food cans, metal lids, aluminum foil, aluminum pie pans

**NO** aerosol cans, wire hangers, non-food metal containers

**Do Your Part,  
Use The Cart!**

**Missed Collection?  
Need a Cart or Cart Repair?**

West Baton Rouge Parish Residents call 336-2406  
City of Port Allen Residents call 346-5670 to report the missed pick-up & cart issues.

**NO** plastic bags, household garbage, yard trimmings or woody waste, building materials, automobile/trailer or bike tires, household or hazardous waste (electronics, batteries, paint, chemicals, oil or oil filters), soiled papers (diapers, tissues, paper towels, paper plates, napkins, pizza boxes)

Empty and rinse containers. Remove all tops and lids from non-metal containers and discard.

## What to do with Phone Books?

Simply place your old phone books in your recycling cart on your regular collection day. The phone books will be taken to The Recycling Foundation's recycling processing facility where the telephone books will be sorted with other paper products. Old telephone books (AT&T/The Real Yellow Pages and the Sunshine Pages) may be recycled year-round in your recycling cart.

Businesses with large quantities of telephone books may take them to The Recycling Foundation at 7923 Tom Drive.

## Recycle All Your Paper. All the time.

Paper makes up 35% of materials that households throw away. Don't forget that all paper – catalogs, magazines, junk mail, cereal boxes, larger cardboard boxes and even your children's "almost-masterpieces" – is a valuable resource that can be recycled.



"Recyclable" Symbols

When identified with either one of these symbols, products, containers or packaging materials are referred to as *recyclable* products, or products that are able to be recycled. A product marked with either symbol can be recycled *if local regulations and/or ordinances allow*.



"Recycled" Symbol

A product, container or package marked with either of these symbols was manufactured with at least some recycled materials. When a percentage is shown, that percentage of the product has been made from recycled materials.

## Did You Know?

Plastics are typically classified by one of seven numbers found inside the triangular recycling symbol. This number identifies the type of plastic used to manufacture the item.

The West Baton Rouge curbside program accepts all plastic food containers and beverage bottles labeled #1-#7 except Styrofoam.



PETE

**#1: Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET or PETE)** - used in 2-liter soda bottles, water bottles, cooking oil bottles, peanut butter jars.



HDPE

**#2: High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE)** - used in detergent bottles, milk and water jugs, yogurt cups.



PVC

**#3: Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC or V)** - used in water bottles, liquid detergent containers.



LDPE

**#4: low-Density Polyethylene (LDPE)** - used in food storage containers.



PP

**#5: Polypropylene (PP)** - used in ketchup bottles, yogurt containers.



PS

**#6: Polystyrene (PS)** - used in meat trays, many to-go containers, egg cartons. **Styrofoam is #6 but is NOT accepted for recycling, it goes in your regular trash.**



OTHER

**#7: Other** - used in 3- and 5-gallon reusable water bottles, Tupperware, biodegradable and compostable plastics.

# Managing Household Hazardous Waste

## Frequently Asked Questions About Household Hazardous Materials

### When is the next Household Hazardous Material (HHM) Collection Day?

HHM collections take place annually in the Spring. Check [www.wbrcouncil.org](http://www.wbrcouncil.org) for the specific date and location.

### Why should I bring HHM to the Collection Day?

When improperly handled and disposed, household hazardous materials can harm the environment and pose health and safety threats to you, your pets and sanitation workers. Never throw household hazardous products in the garbage, down the sink or toilet, into a storm drain or on the ground.

### What do I do if I miss the HHM Collection Day?

Many household hazardous materials can be recycled locally year-round.

### What makes a household product hazardous?

- ✧ **Toxic** products are poisonous or cause long-term illness.
- ✧ **Flammable** means the product burns easily. Look for the words “do not use near heat or flame,” “combustible” or “do not smoke while using this product.”
- ✧ **Corrosive** products will eat through materials. Look for labels with “causes severe burns on contact” and “can burn eyes, skin or throat.”
- ✧ **Reactive** means the product can explode, start fires or cause dangerous reactions when exposed to heat, air, water or shock impact.

If the label has any of the following terms it is hazardous: **Caution • Warning • Danger • Poison • Hazardous • Harmful • Fatal • Keep out of reach of children • Fatal if swallowed • If swallowed call a physician or 911**

*Examples: Pesticides, paint thinners, some automotive products and cleaning supplies*



### Since computers cannot be placed at the curb where can I dispose of them?

At the annual HHM Collection Day or you can bring them to the Capital Area Corporate Recycling Council (CACRC), 1400 Main Street, Baton Rouge 379-3577 or visit [www.cacrc.com](http://www.cacrc.com)

### How should batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes be discarded?

Household batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs, fluorescent bulbs and tubes are hazardous waste and cannot be thrown away in the trash.

### Why Is Using Non-Toxic Cleaning Products Better for the Environment?

- ✧ Using non-toxic commercial cleaning products and such products as vinegar and baking soda minimize exposure to toxins and provide healthier indoor environments.
- ✧ Buying concentrated cleaners saves money and creates fewer large plastic containers to dispose of.

Eco-labels help guide consumers in purchasing products with reduced environmental impact but it's important to know what they mean. (For more information visit [www.greenerchoices.org/eco-labels/](http://www.greenerchoices.org/eco-labels/).)

### Did You Know?

Used motor oil is hazardous waste and cannot go into your curbside garbage or trash for pickup. Do not pour used motor oil into storm drains or water systems. One gallon of motor oil can contaminate 1 million gallons of water, so it is important to dispose of oil properly.

When changing your car's motor oil and filters, take it to one of the local household hazardous materials recyclers listed in the chart on page 6, or to the Spring household hazardous materials collection at the Louis Mouch Jr., Multi-Purpose Facility.



### Did You Know?

According to the U.S. EPA, American households generate 1.6 tons of household hazardous waste (HHW) per year. The average home can accumulate as much as 100 pounds of HHW in basements, garages and storage closets.

Household hazardous wastes are sometimes disposed of improperly by individuals pouring wastes down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or putting them out with the trash. The dangers of such disposal methods have the potential to:

- ▲ Cause physical injury to sanitation workers
- ▲ Contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems if poured down drains or toilets
- ▲ Pollute bodies of water if poured into storm sewers
- ▲ Present hazards to children and pets if left around the house
- ▲ Contaminate ground water and surface water that is used as a source of drinking water if sent to unprotected landfills

### Did You Know?

Looking for other options to sell, buy or recycle used electronics? Check out [EcoSquid.com](http://EcoSquid.com), an easy search engine for consumers to find convenient options for selling, buying or recycling used electronics.

For additional options for donating or recycling old computer and other electronic products go to the EPA electronics recycling resource page at [www.epa.gov/osw/conserve/materials/ecycling/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/osw/conserve/materials/ecycling/index.htm).



Recycle computers at the CACRC in downtown Baton Rouge. The CACRC also offers used computers to low income families.

**What the CACRC accepts for recycling:**

- Computer hardware
- Computer Accessories (mice, keyboards, speakers, etc.)
- Laptops
- Telephones
- Telephone systems
- Security systems
- Cell phones/bag phones
- DVD Movies & Video games
- MP3 Players
- XBoxes, Playstations, Wii
- Digital Cameras & Digital Video Recorders (DVRs)
- Digital Picture Frames
- Stereos
- Beepers/Pagers
- Networking equipment
- Fax machines
- Circuit boards (of any type)
- Processors
- Monitors
- Telephone and computer cables
- Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS)
- Printers
- Toner cartridges
- Ink jet cartridges
- Portable Navigation & GPS Devices (such as Garmin, Magellan, Tom-Tom)

**What the CACRC does not accept:**

- Appliances
- Copiers
- Televisions
- Furniture

Drop off used electronics at the CACRC warehouse  
1400 Main St., Baton Rouge  
Monday - Friday, from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM  
throughout the year.

**Visit [www.cacrc.com](http://www.cacrc.com) for more information or call (225) 379-3577**

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# Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day

**West Baton Rouge residents only, no commercial waste accepted**

Held in the Spring at the Lousi Mouch, Jr. Multi-Purpose Arena  
152 Turner Road, Port Allen

**MATERIALS ACCEPTED**

- ✓ Acids
- ✓ Aersol Cans
- ✓ Arsenic
- ✓ Auto products including used oil, antifreeze, brake fluid, diesel, oil & fuel filters, gasoline, gas & oil mixtures
- ✓ Cooking oil
- ✓ Glycerol, glycerin
- ✓ Batteries including NiCD, lead acid, alkaline, rechargable
- ✓ Bleach, bowl cleaners
- ✓ Bug sprays
- ✓ Wood preservatives
- ✓ Cleaning solvents
- ✓ Corrosive cleaners
- ✓ Degreasers
- ✓ Disinfectants
- ✓ Paint thinner
- ✓ Paint: oil, stain, varnish, shellac
- ✓ Fluorescent tubes & compact fluorescent bulbs
- ✓ Glue
- ✓ Lawn and garden products including pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, fertililzer
- ✓ Lighter fluid
- ✓ Metallic mercury
- ✓ Moth balls
- ✓ Oven cleaners
- ✓ Drain cleaners
- ✓ Turpentine
- ✓ Polishes
- ✓ Pool chemicals
- ✓ TVs & stereos
- ✓ Automobile tires (limit 5)
- ✓ Propane tanks and bottles
- ✓ Video tapes, floppy disks, digital tapes, CDs and DVDs

**MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED**

- ✗ Ammunition & explosives
- ✗ Fireworks
- ✗ Latex paint
- ✗ Non-Residential waste
- ✗ Radioactive devices (smoke/fire detectors)
- ✗ Large gas cylinders such as helium, freon or acetylene
- ✗ Stryofoam including peanuts
- ✗ Construction/demolition debris
- ✗ School lab waste
- ✗ Fire extinguishers
- ✗ Appliances
- ✗ Furniture
- ✗ Power tools
- ✗ All liquids in containers larger than 5 gallons
- ✗ Electronic equipment; computers, copiers, cell phones, fax machines, & ink cartridges
- ✗ Medical waste/all medicines

**Liquids should be labeled and in closed containers no larger than 5 gallons**

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For more information visit [www.wbrcouncil.org](http://www.wbrcouncil.org)

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**Beautiful, Town of Addis, Town of Brusly, City of Port Allen, and the West Baton Rouge Parish Government.**

PSC Environmental, Exxonmobil-Excite, Habitat for Humanity, FCC Environmental, Interstate Batteries of Greater Baton Rouge, Capital Area Corporate Recycling, Allied Waste, Progressive Waste Solution, Southern Recycling and DEQ Louisiana

# Where to Recycle Household Hazardous Materials Year Round

Call businesses to get details, as items and locations may change

MATERIAL	BUSINESS	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Usable latex paint/full cans only	Habitat for Humanity	4301 Airline Hwy.	355-1895
Automotive batteries	Auto Zone	All Locations	
	Interstate Batteries	11075 Airline Hwy.	925-3711
	Pep Boys	9704 Airline Hwy.	927-6233
	Rapid Lube & Tune-up	5615 Essen Lane	767-5754
	Regions Wholesale Battery	6215 Airline Hwy.	355-8545
	River City Battery Supply	11353 Greenwell Springs Rd.	275-1285
	Simple Simon Car Care	7777 Airline Hwy.	927-2311
	Simple Simon Car Care	12116 Airline Hwy.	751-3656
	Southern Recycling	6847 Scenic Hwy.	355-4453
	Wal-Mart Tire & Lube	All Tire & Lube Centers	
	Wholesale Battery Co. Inc.	9266 Mammoth Ave.	926-4693
Used motor oil	Auto Zone	All Locations	
	Brusly Town Hall	600 S. Vaughn Dr. Brusly	749-2909
	Pep Boys	9704 Airline Hwy.	927-6233
	Express Care Automotive	5389 Government St.	922-9299
	Express Care Automotive	5960 S. Sherwood Forest	368-2273
	Rapid Lube & Tune Up	5615 Essen Lane	767-5754
	Simple Simon Car Care	7777 Airline Hwy.	927-2311
	Simple Simon Car Care	12116 Airline Hwy.	751-3656
	FCC environmental	697 Hwy. 167, Opelousas	800-960-6377
	FCC environmental	1122 US Hwy. 90 W., Port Allen	800-960-6377
Motor oil & gasoline mixtures	FCC environmental	697 Hwy. 167, Opelousas	800-960-6377
	FCC environmental	1122 US Hwy. 90 W., Port Allen	800-960-6377
Oil Filters	Pep Boys Automotive	9704 Airline Hwy.	927-6233
	Rapid Lube & Tune Up	5615 Essen Lane	767-5754
	Simple Simon Car Care	7777 Airline Hwy.	927-2311
	Simple Simon Car Care	12116 Airline Hwy.	751-3656
	Express Care Automotive	5960 S. Sherwood Forest	368-2273
	Express Care Automotive	5389 Government St.	922-9299
Anti-freeze	Brusly Town Hall	600 S. Vaughn Dr. Brusly	749-2909
	Pep Boys Automotive	9704 Airline Hwy.	927-6233
	Rapid Lube & Tune Up	5615 Essen Lane	767-5754
	Simple Simon Car Care	7777 Airline Hwy.	927-2311
	Simple Simon Car Care	12116 Airline Hwy.	751-3656
Used cooking oil	Brusly Town Hall	600 S. Vaughn Dr. Brusly	749-2909
	FCC environmental	697 Hwy. 167 Opelousas	800-960-6377
	FCC environmental	1122 US Hwy. 90 W., Port Allen	800-960-6377
Computers	CACRC	800 St. Philip St.	225-379-3577
Televisions - up to 32"	Best Buy Stores*	All Locations	761-8032
Fluorescent tubes & Fluorescent compact bulbs	LEI Lamp Recyclers	46257 Morris Rd., Hammond	800-309-9908
	Home Depot	All Locations	
Mercury devices, thermostats, switches, thermometers, thermocouples, relays	LEI Lamp Recyclers	46257 Morris Rd., Hammond	800-309-9908
NiCd Batteries	Radio Shack	All Locations	
Batteries all chemistries: alkaline, carbon-zinc lead acid, nickel (iron & cadmium), lithium, mercury, silver oxide, silver zinc, thermal	LEI Lamp Recyclers	4657 Morris Rd., Hammond	800-309-9908
Propane tanks 4-40 lbs.	All permitted LP-Gas dealers, wholesalers and retailers are required to accept old tanks for refurbishment, recycling or disposal at no charge to the consumer.		
Used Tires limit 5 tires per person, no businesses	Environmental Industries Recycling Incorporated	7122 Hwy 190 W, Port Allen	344-8298

\*\$10 fee charged, but you get back a \$10 Best Buy gift card in return. Limit 2 units per day.

\*\*By appointment only, call first



# How to Safely Discard Leftover PAINT

## Latex paint is not hazardous



Empty and dried up latex paint cans go in your garbage cart!

Latex paint is non-toxic, you can place empty and dried up paint cans with the lids off into the garbage cart.

**Do not put cans with liquid paint out for pick up.**

**How to dry out latex paint for home disposal:** If you have an inch or paint left in the can, remove the lid and let the paint dry out. Protect from freezing and rain as well as children and animals. This method works best in warm weather.



If there's more than an inch of paint in the can, mix paint with equal amount of cat litter, stir and let it dry before placing in garbage cart.

**After latex paint has dried, place the open cans in your garbage cart.**

## Oil-based paint is hazardous waste



Completely empty oil-based paint cans with the lids off can go into your garbage cart!

**But...**

partially full or full cans of oil-based paint must be taken to a household hazardous collection site for proper disposal

**Do not put cans containing oil-based paint out in your cart for pick up.**



Unlike latex paint, oil-based paint should not be dried out or solidified. Oil-based paint is flammable whether wet or dry.

Never put flammable products, such as oil-based paint or thinner, down any drain or into the garbage.

### Got leftover paint?

Here are some easy ways to reduce the amount of leftover paint:

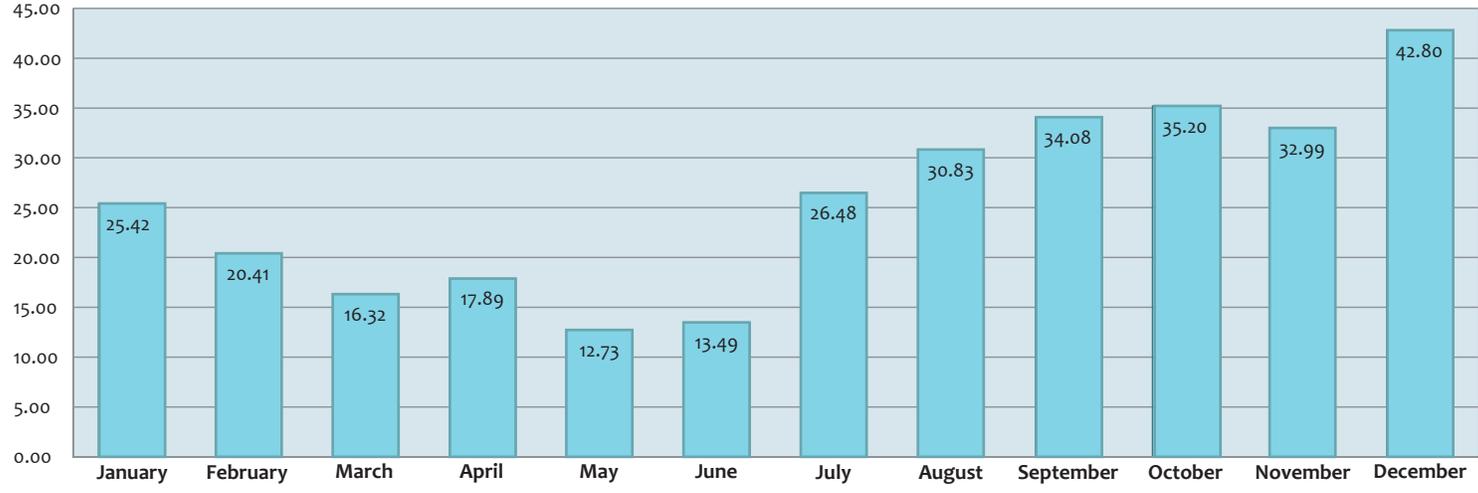
**BUY ONLY WHAT YOU NEED.** Retailers can help you calculate the right amount of paint for your project. Typically, one gallon of paint will provide one coat for 300 square feet.

**BUY LESS FOR THE NEXT PROJECT.** Use leftover paint as a base coat on another project.

**SAVE IT FOR A FUTURE USE.** If properly stored, paint stays good for a long time. To prevent paint from drying out, cover the surface with kitchen plastic wrap, then replace the lid securely. Finally, store the paint can upside down in an area where it can't freeze.

**GIVE IT AWAY.** Ask friends, relatives, neighbors, churches, theatrical groups, schools, recreation departments or community organizations if they can use your leftover paint. Only give away paint that is in good condition and in its original container with an intact label.

## West Baton Rouge Curbside Recycling 2013



\*\*Large recycle carts implemented in July throughout West Baton Rouge Parish excluding Port Allen within the City Limits

# Solid Waste Services

## The Correct Curbside Set Out



Garbage Cart



Recycling Cart



Bulky Trash



Yard & Woody Waste



Bagged Leaves & Grass



Bulky Recyclables

### ■ WHEN TO SET OUT CARTS:

Garbage and recycling carts should be placed out the night before the scheduled service day.

### ■ CART LIDS MUST BE CLOSED:

Overflowing carts and items placed next to garbage carts will not be collected.

### ■ HOW TO PLACE THE CART AT THE STREET: **IMPORTANT!**

To avoid damage to cart, place at curb with top handle toward house and lid opening toward street.

### ■ KEEP CART CLEAR:

Move any vehicles blocking carts.

### ■ OVERLOADED CARTS:

Carts overloaded with heavy materials will not be picked up. Put heavy waste out for several pickups if necessary.

### Did you know?

- ▶ The energy saved from one recycled aluminum can will operate a television for 3 hours.
- ▶ The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle will power a computer for 25 minutes.
- ▶ One recycled plastic bottle would save enough energy to power a 60-watt light bulb for 3 hours.
- ▶ Recycled paper produces 73% less air pollution than if it was made from raw materials.
- ▶ By recycling 1 ton of paper you save....
  - ▶ 17 trees
  - ▶ 6953 gallons of water
  - ▶ 463 gallons of oil
  - ▶ 587 pounds of air pollution
  - ▶ 3.06 cubic yards of landfill space
  - ▶ 4077 kilowatts of energy

### Here is what may go out on the curb for collection:

#### Collected twice a week

**GARBAGE CART** - BAGGED household garbage including food waste and trash.

#### Collected once a week

**RECYCLING CART** - Household recyclables. No separation or bagging necessary. No garbage, yard waste or woody waste in carts

#### Collected Monthly

**BULKY TRASH, YARD & WOOD WASTE, LEAVES & GRASS** - ONLY RESIDENT-GENERATED WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP. Place these types of waste next to each other. No household garbage, loose or bagged. Do not put waste in ditches.

■ **BULKY TRASH:** Items too bulky or heavy to fit in the garbage cart such as furniture, large household items, remodeling debris, mattresses, water heaters, carpet, fencing, lumber. Do not bag.

■ **YARD AND WOODY WASTE:** Brush piles, tree limbs no longer than 6 foot by 12 inches around and shrub prunings. Do not bag, place loose at the curb for recycling.

■ **BAGGED LEAVES AND GRASS:** Yard waste, leaves & grass left in old garbage cans will not be collected.

**BULKY RECYCLABLES** - White goods: stoves, washers, refrigerators and other large appliances.

### Here is what will not be collected:

#### **NO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

allowed in carts or at curb (paint, chemicals, thinner, batteries, electronics). Go to [www.wbrcouncil.org](http://www.wbrcouncil.org) for a downloadable chart of businesses that accept household hazardous waste year-round. Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day is held every Spring, look for ads in the local newspaper for specific dates and times.

**NO CONTRACTOR'S TRASH:** Large trees, woody waste, or home remodeling debris placed at the curb by a tree service or a contractor will not be picked up by Allied Waste or the City-Parish. It is the responsibility of the contractor to haul away its debris. If the contractor refuses or fails to do so, the homeowner must haul away the material..

### Did You Know?

The energy required to produce a new computer would run an old computer for 10 years. Recycling a computer system saves the same amount of energy as taking a car off the road for six months.

# Watching Your Waste

Waste reduction is the practice of using less materials and energy to minimize waste and preserve natural resources. We can reduce the amount and toxicity of trash we throw away by:

- \* Donating products, from eyeglasses to clothing, reducing the amount of material manufactured overall
- \* Reusing products, such as file folders and grocery bags
- \* Using both sides of paper when photocopying
- \* Repairing items instead of discarding them
- \* Recycling as much as possible and buying products with recycled content
- \* Practicing composting, mulching and grasscycling
- \* Buying what you need and using it up instead of discarding it
- \* Practicing energy and water conservation

## Guide to Reuse & Reduce Resources

Call businesses to get details, as items and locations may change

### APPLIANCES

#### Able Reconditioned Appliances

2396 N Sherwood Forest Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70815  
272-9915

#### Appliance Repair and Sales

8800 Siegen Ln.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70810  
766-9903

#### Budget Appliance

3605 N. Foster Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70805  
356-7862

#### Capital City Appliance

15654 Malvern Hill Ave.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70817  
756-3024

#### Cash America

6074 Airline Hwy.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70805  
357-3450

#### Colortyme Rent-to-own

1921 Staring Ln.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70810  
769-3334  
[www.colortyme.com](http://www.colortyme.com)

#### H&H Appliance & Auto Air

2436 North St.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
346-8077

#### Ideal Appliance Parts Inc.

10569 Florida Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70815  
226-1755  
[www.idealappliance.com/](http://www.idealappliance.com/)

### ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE

#### Circa 1857

1857 Government St.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
387-8667  
[www.circa1857.com/](http://www.circa1857.com/)

### BOOKS

#### The Book Cellar

9072 Florida Blvd.  
Walker, LA 70785  
664-5997

#### The Book Exchange

10779 Florida Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70815  
272-1920

#### Book Trader

11830 Coursey Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816  
295-0356

#### Chimes Medical Bookstore

7434 Perkins Road  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
768-9790

#### Cottonwood Books

3054 Perkins Road,  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
343-1266  
[www.cottonwoodbooksbatonrouge.com/](http://www.cottonwoodbooksbatonrouge.com/)

#### EBRP Library System

[www.ebr.lib.la.us](http://www.ebr.lib.la.us)

#### Friends of LSU Libraries Book Barn

3555 River Road  
Baton Rouge, LA 70820  
578-5925  
[www.lib.lsu.edu/lib/friends/book-barn.html](http://www.lib.lsu.edu/lib/friends/book-barn.html)

#### Textbook Rentals

5521 Florida Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
926-7388  
[www.textbookrentals.com](http://www.textbookrentals.com)

#### Textbook Rental of Baton Rouge

8165 Scenic Hwy.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70807  
775-0070

#### Thomas Savage Books

7819 Bluebonnet Blvd., Suite C,  
Baton Rouge, LA 70810  
766-9262  
[www.thomassavagebooks.com](http://www.thomassavagebooks.com)

### BIKES

#### The Bicycle Shop

3315 Highland Road  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
344-5624  
[www.bicycleshop.com/](http://www.bicycleshop.com/)

#### Capitol Cyclery

5778 Essen Ln.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70810  
766-4004  
[www.capitolcyclery.com/](http://www.capitolcyclery.com/)

#### Capitol Cyclery

8424 Florida Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
927-1997  
[www.capitolcyclery.com](http://www.capitolcyclery.com)

#### Capitol Cyclery

5542 Jones Creek Road  
Baton Rouge, LA 70817  
756-3578  
[www.capitolcyclery.com](http://www.capitolcyclery.com)

#### Dave's Bicycle Mobile Repair

Near 6885 Siegen Ln.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
924-4337  
[www.davesbicyclerepair.com](http://www.davesbicyclerepair.com)

#### Mid City Bike

2560 Government St.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
636-5776  
[www.midcitybikes.com](http://www.midcitybikes.com)

### BUILDING MATERIALS

#### Habitat for Humanity

4301 Airline Hwy.  
Baton Rouge, LA, 70805  
355-1895  
[www.habitatbr.org/restore](http://www.habitatbr.org/restore)

### CIOTHING/ACCESSORIES

#### Plato's Closet

6841 Siegen Ln.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
293-4168  
[www.platoscloset.com](http://www.platoscloset.com)

#### Refinery Consignment Boutique

2834 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA  
291-8656  
[www.refineryconsignment.com](http://www.refineryconsignment.com)

#### Time Warp

3001 Government St.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
377-8550

### THRIFT STORES

#### Family Thrift Center

209 Little John Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70815  
272-9900

#### Goodwill

3121 College Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
926-1868  
[www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org)

#### Here Today Gone Tomorrow

10240 Burbank Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70810  
769-2259

#### The Hidden Jewel

10226 Florida Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70815  
273-5588

#### A little Bit of Everything-

4525 North Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
218-9825

#### St. Vincent De Paul

2655 Plank Road  
Baton Rouge, LA 70805  
356-5158  
[www.svdpbr.org/Stores.aspx](http://www.svdpbr.org/Stores.aspx)

#### St. Vincent De Paul

12107 Florida Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70815  
275-1135  
[www.svdpbr.org/Stores.aspx](http://www.svdpbr.org/Stores.aspx)

#### St. Vincent De Paul

1925 Staring Ln.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70810  
819-0460  
[www.svdpbr.org/Stores.aspx](http://www.svdpbr.org/Stores.aspx)

#### St. Vincent De Paul

264 N. Jefferson Ave.  
Port Allen, LA 70767  
344-3259  
[www.svdpbr.org/Stores.aspx](http://www.svdpbr.org/Stores.aspx)

#### St. Vincent De Paul

4173 Hwy 1 South  
Brusly, LA 70719  
749-2003  
[www.svdpbr.org/Stores.aspx](http://www.svdpbr.org/Stores.aspx)

**The Salvation Army**

7361 Airline Hwy.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70805  
355-4635  
[www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss/  
www\\_uss\\_alm.nsf/](http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss/www_uss_alm.nsf/)

**Volunteers of America**

3949 North Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
387-0061  
[www.voa-br.org](http://www.voa-br.org)

**COMPUTERS****Cajun Clickers Computer Club**

10120 Red Oak Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70815  
273-7113  
[www.clickers.org](http://www.clickers.org)

**Capital Area Corporate Recycling Council**

1400 Main St.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
379-3577  
[www.cacrc.com](http://www.cacrc.com)

**Computech**

11764 S. Harrells Ferry Rd. Suite A  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816  
293-9884  
[www.computechofla.com](http://www.computechofla.com)

**Computer Exchange**

10224 Florida Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70815  
274-1400  
[www.computerexchangeusa.com](http://www.computerexchangeusa.com)

**Computer Heaven**

633 Oak Villa Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70815  
923-0009  
[www.computerheaven.com](http://www.computerheaven.com)

**Computer Repair**

12330 Florida Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70815  
274-8111

**Tim's Computer's Inc.**

2138 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA. 70816  
272-0062  
[www.timpc.com/](http://www.timpc.com/)

**CRUSHED CONCRETE/  
CONCRETE AGGREGATE****Dennis Stewart Services**

8633 Joor Road,  
Baton Rouge, LA 70818  
261-9372

**Ratcliff & LeBlanc Materials**

2600 Florida Blvd. Southwest  
Denham Springs, LA 70726  
667-4404

**EARTH/SOIL PRODUCTS  
(MULCH, CLAY, TOP SOIL,  
RIP RAP)**

**Natural Resources Recovery  
LLC- Nature's Best Organics**  
5800 One Perkins Place Ste 6A,  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
766-1443

**EYE GLASSES**

**Brusly - Lions Club**  
202 East St. Fransis Ct.  
Brusly, La 70719  
749-2931 or 200-3561  
[www.bruslylionsclub.org/](http://www.bruslylionsclub.org/)

**USED AND RENTAL FURNI-  
TURE AND ACCESSORIES**

**Anthony's Furniture Specialities**  
10248 Florida Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70815  
272-6777

**Baton Rouge Trading Post**

4938 Winbourne Ave.  
Baton Rouge, La 70805  
359-6121

**Baton Rouge Upholstering Co.**

2859 Mission Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70805  
355-0244

**Brian's Furniture & Appliances**

515 Court St.  
Port Allen, LA, 70767  
346-0896  
[www.briansfurniture.com](http://www.briansfurniture.com)

**Cort Furniture Rental Clearance  
Center**

4810 Constitution Ave.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
927-5160  
[www.cort.com/furniture](http://www.cort.com/furniture)

**Denicola's Furniture Upholster-  
ing**

2152 North Foster Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
357-0370

**Gallery Bohemia**

3774 Government St.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
333-2055

**Office Furniture World Inc.**

12944 Coursey Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816  
751-4024

**Renaissance**

10569 Florida Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70815  
275-5700

**Via Consignment Interiors**

16645 Highland Road  
Baton Rouge, LA 70810  
752-3435  
[www.viaconsignment.net](http://www.viaconsignment.net)

**GREEN BUILDING****CRBA Remodelers Council**

10518 Kentshire Court  
Baton Rouge, LA 70810  
769-7696  
[www.capitalregionba.com](http://www.capitalregionba.com)

**GreenBuilder360.com**

12232 Industriplex Blvd., Suite A-2,  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
268-1477  
[www.greenbuilder360.com](http://www.greenbuilder360.com)

**The Green Building Shop**

7580 Corporate Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
907-4924

**Green Energy Solutions**

2916 Myrtle Ave.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
329-8299  
[www.greenenergysolutionsla.com](http://www.greenenergysolutionsla.com)

**Gulf South Solar**

4836 Revere Ave.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
932-0035  
[www.gulfsouthsolar.com](http://www.gulfsouthsolar.com)

**Habitat Restore**

4301 Airline Hwy.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70805  
355-1895  
[www.habitatbrla.org](http://www.habitatbrla.org)

**IDEA Solar Energy**

3185 Balis Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
346-5973  
[www.ideasolarenergy.com](http://www.ideasolarenergy.com)

**Ourso Designs**

11150 Cozumel Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
931-4312  
[www.oursodesigns.com](http://www.oursodesigns.com)

**Solar N Stuff**

75368 Moonshadow Ln.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821  
788-1211  
[www.solarnstuff.com](http://www.solarnstuff.com)

**Solar Solutions**

14744 Tiger Bend Rd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70801  
387-2665  
[www.solarsolutionsbatonrouge.  
com](http://www.solarsolutionsbatonrouge.com)

**Wayne Dodge Construction**

16821 Harpers Ferry Ave.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70817  
752-8401

**US Green Building Council**

726 Woodstone Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
(504) 330-1292  
[www.usgbclouisiana.org](http://www.usgbclouisiana.org)

**METAL HANGERS**

**Kean's Cleaners** – All Locations

**LARGE NURSERY POTS**

**Clegg's Nursery**  
274 N. Donmoor Ave.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
927-1419  
[www.cleggnursery.com](http://www.cleggnursery.com)

**Clegg's Nursery**  
10645 Greenwell Springs  
Baton Rouge, LA 70814  
275-7006  
[www.cleggnursery.com](http://www.cleggnursery.com)

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## Reduce Your Junk Mail and Junk Faxes!



The average American household receives junk mail equivalent to 1.5 trees every year. That adds up to more than 100 million trees each year.

Some easy steps to take to minimize unwanted mail.

- \* Contact catalogs and tell them you want your name taken off their list
- \* Remove your name from specific catalogs for free by visiting [www.CatalogChoice.org](http://www.CatalogChoice.org).

For more information on reducing junk mail visit [www.StopJunkmail.org](http://www.StopJunkmail.org)

- \* To stop unwanted faxes, contact the sender. If unsuccessful, file a complaint with the Consumer Information Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission: 1-888-225-5322 or on-line at [www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/unwantedfaxes.html](http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/unwantedfaxes.html)

**Clegg's Nursery**  
5696 Siegen Ln.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
292-9153  
[www.cleggsnursery.com](http://www.cleggsnursery.com)

**I SU Hilltop Arboretum**  
11855 Highland Road  
Baton Rouge, LA 70810  
767-6916  
[www.lsu.edu/hilltop](http://www.lsu.edu/hilltop)

**I owe's**  
All Baton Rouge Locations

**MUI CH/SOII A MENDMENTS**

**Hollis C Kinchen Co Inc**  
4476 Dickens Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70812  
355-4051

**Louisiana Wood Products**  
2533 American Way  
Port Allen, LA 70767  
749-7752

**Natural Resources Recovery II C-  
Nature's Best Organics**  
5800 One Perkins Place Ste 6A,  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
766-1443

**Total Wood Recycling Services Inc**  
199 E. Saint Francis St.  
Brusly, LA 70719  
756-0613

**MEDICATION/MEDICAL  
SUPPLIES**  
**Safe Medication Disposal Program**  
Baton Rouge Locations  
[www.sharpsinc.com/locations](http://www.sharpsinc.com/locations)

**St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy**  
1647 Convention St.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
383-7450  
[www.svdpbr.org/Prescriptions.aspx](http://www.svdpbr.org/Prescriptions.aspx)

**OFFICE SUPPLIES**  
**Quave Office Services**  
30984 Old La Hwy. 16  
Denham Springs, LA 70726  
667-2552  
[www.quave.us](http://www.quave.us)

**Toner Recyclers, Inc.**  
9332 Interline Ave.  
Baton Rouge, LA, 70809  
930-9307  
[trilaser.com](http://trilaser.com)

**PALLETS**  
**Ace Used Pallets**  
IFCO Systems  
18685 N Joor Rd.  
Zachary, LA 70791  
654-2167

**Southern Packaging Inc.**  
43376 Happywoods Road  
Hammond, LA 70403  
343-9674  
<http://palletsbyifco.com/locations/louisianapallets/>

**Speciality Industrial Supplies**  
7370 Little Sister Dr.  
Port Allen, LA, 70767  
383-8117  
[www.spipallet.com](http://www.spipallet.com)

**ROAD AGGREGATES/DR.WAYS/  
FOUNDATIONS**  
**Crushed Stone, Sand, Dirt and  
Gravel**  
44520 Brignac St.  
Sorrento, LA 70778  
673-4300

**LA Stone and Aggregates:**  
1229 U.S. 190 West  
Port Allen, LA 70767  
338-9247

**SHOE REPAIR**  
**Hakky Instant Shoe Repair**  
6401 Bluebonnet Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70836  
767-5088

**Highland Shoe Repair**  
13204 Bluff Road  
Geismar, LA 70734  
673-4085  
**Militello's Shoe Repair**  
7474 Corporate Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
928-7900  
**Militello's Shoe Repair**  
4520 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

**UNIQUE GIFTS MADE FROM  
RECYCLED MATERIALS**

**Caffery Gallery**  
4016 Government St.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
388-9397  
[www.cafferygallery.com](http://www.cafferygallery.com)

**Earthy Concerns**  
257 Lee Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
769-4779

**Noelie Harmon**  
2295 Hollydale  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
924-5030  
[www.noelieharmon.com](http://www.noelieharmon.com)



**Keep Used  
Clothing and  
Household Goods  
in the Cycle of Use**

- \* Shop for clothes and household items at local resale shops.
- \* Pass on clothes and household items to friends and family.
- \* Have a clothing swap party.
- \* Give away clothes and household items in good condition for resale to St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army, Goodwill centers and other nonprofits. The donations are tax deductible.
- \* Take clothing in excellent condition to a consignment shop.
- \* Have a garage sale.
- \* Offer church organizations any clothing and items of value for sale in their church bazaars or other fundraising activities.
- \* Donate clothing in good condition to battered women shelters and homeless shelters. Animal rescue groups appreciate old towels and sheets.
- \* Cut up unusable old clothing for use as rags.



**Preventing Waste: The Smart Shopping Decision**

Packaging is now the fourth largest industry in the U.S. It's true that some packaging is necessary for health and shelf-life reasons, but some manufacturers over-package products. This creates a lot of waste for the consumer. Whenever we create waste, we're throwing away valuable resources.

Approximately one third of our household waste comes from the packaging of products. If we think before we buy, and buy just what we need—with reuse in mind—we can help conserve resources while we shop.

The next time you go to the grocery store, look at the products on the shelf. Pick the ones without packaging or with the least wasteful packaging. Avoid single-serving items and products that are overly wrapped.

When you can, buy in bulk. Buy concentrates such as drink mixes, cleaners and detergents. There is far less packaging and they are often much cheaper.

**KEEP WEST BATON ROUGE BEAUTIFUL** is the principle anti-litter organization of the West Baton Rouge area.

Keep Baton Rouge Beautiful serves the West Baton Rouge Area by promoting public interest in community improvement of the environment through litter and waste prevention. These goals are accomplished with numerous programs including the Great American Clean up, Adopt-A-Road Program, Curb-side Recycling, the Clean Business Awards and other community outreach programs. Development of partnerships with education, business, community and civic organizations is essential to improve the physical environment and quality of life for West Baton Rouge Parish.

For additional information on how an individual or organization can support these activities call (225) 490-8549 or visit <http://www.wbrcouncil.org/Departments/Keep-West-Baton-Rouge-Beautiful>

Keep West Baton Rouge Beautiful is the local affiliate of the non-profit public service organization Keep Louisiana Beautiful & Keep America Beautiful.

### Did You Know?

- \* In the U.S., 4.39 pounds of trash per day and up to 56 tons of trash per year are created by the average person.
- \* Almost 1/3 of the waste generated in the U.S. is packaging.
- \* Throwing away one aluminum can wastes as much energy as if that can were 1/2 full of gasoline.
- \* Americans receive almost 4 million tons of junk mail every year.
- \* Enough hazardous waste is generated in one year to fill the New Orleans Mercedes-Benz Superdome 1,500 times over.
- \* Forty-three thousand tons of food is thrown out in the United States each day.
- \* Americans throw out about 270 million tires every year.
- \* Sixty-five billion aluminum soda cans are used each year.

Source: [www.cleanair.org](http://www.cleanair.org)



### Litter Decomposition Rates

Paper	2.5 months
Orange peel	1-6 months
Cigarette butt	5-6 years; chemicals also leach into water and poison wildlife
Milk carton (cardboard)	5 years
Plastic bag	10-20 years
Plastic cup lids, utensils	20-30 years
Metal bottle cap	50 years
Foamed plastic cups, plates	50 years

Disposable diaper	75 years
Plastic bottle	100-400 years
Tin can	50-100 years
Soft drink can	200-500 years
Monofilament fishing line	600 years
Glass beverage bottle	1 million years
Styrofoam	never

Sources: Keep America Beautiful, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

### Litter Laws and Statistics

Louisiana spends more than \$14 million a year to clean up our highways. In 2004 alone, state and sheriff cleanup crews picked up an estimated 450,000 bags (20,000 miles) of trash in our state.

According to Louisiana R.S.30:2531-2531.3, the penalties for littering in Louisiana range from \$50 to \$5,000. Those who litter can also expect between four and 10 hours of community service, suspension of their driver's license for one year and even the possibility of jail time for up to 30 days.

- \* Litter contributes to flooding when it collects in canals preventing water from draining properly.
- \* The four most common litter items in Louisiana are cigarettes, fast-food packaging, candy/snack packaging and beverage containers.
- \* Litter is a health risk to people and pets as it attracts rodents, vermin and germs.

Source: Louisiana Department of Corrections and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries



# Going Green on the Westside

“Going Green” means adopting a lifestyle that reduces consumption of Earth’s natural resources. It means concentrating on energy-efficient, non-polluting, healthy living. It means taking environmental stewardship into our own hands to secure WBR Parish as a sustainable community.

“Going Green” means working to conserve energy, improve air and water quality, reduce and recycle solid waste and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. “Going Green” means practicing conservation every day at home and at work. “Going Green” means buying locally. By doing so we preserve our beautiful planet, save valuable resources and reduce our bottom line.

## \* Energy Conservation

By using less energy we lower operating costs for energy derived from natural resources and reduce pollution.

### Alternative Energy

Try a form of renewable energy instead of conventional sources. Renewable, earth-friendly, green energy power sources include solar, wind, hydroelectric, geothermal, tidal and biomass.

The more green power we use, the less fossil fuels we need to generate electricity.

Buying green power from a utility is one of the easiest ways to use renewable energy without having to invest in equipment. Developing these types of alternative energy sources will keep millions of dollars in the United States and create more jobs.

### Tankless Water Heaters

Tankless water heaters only heat water as needed without using a storage unit. They deliver a constant supply of hot water on demand and save energy. **For more info:** [www.energysavers.gov/your\\_home/water\\_heating/index.cfm/mytopic=12820](http://www.energysavers.gov/your_home/water_heating/index.cfm/mytopic=12820)

### Did You Know?

Refrigerators and washing machines use more energy than almost any other home appliance.

### Appliances

When it’s time to replace old appliances, buy energy efficient models. ENERGY STAR models are the most energy efficient, using 10% to 50% less energy and/or water than standard models.

### Lighting

Making changes to your lighting is one of the fastest ways to reduce your energy bill.

- \* Use compact fluorescent lights (CFLs): They use about 75% less energy, produce 75% less heat and last about 10 times longer than standard bulbs.
- \* Use Light Emitting Diodes (LED): They last up to 10 times longer than CFLs.
- \* Use dimmers and timers on lighting to reduce energy.
- \* Turn off lights when they are not in use.
- \* Use high efficiency outdoor lighting such as outdoor fluorescent, solar or motion sensor lights.
- \* Use ENERGY STAR labeled lighting fixtures.

### Heating and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

Well-maintained heating and air conditioning systems help keep energy costs down.

- \* Raise the thermostat 2 degrees (around 76° F) during summer and drop it 2 degrees (around 60° F) in the winter to see dramatic results.
- \* Install energy management systems that monitor thermostats.
- \* Don’t forget to use ceiling fans.
- \* Weatherproof your home by sealing, caulking and insulating around all windows, doors, switch plates and attic.



### Louisiana Earth Day

Louisiana Earth Day, held every April in Baton Rouge, brings together environmentally focused groups, corporations and individuals in a common goal to preserve, protect and improve our environment through education and celebration.

[www.laearthday.org](http://www.laearthday.org)



### What Does ‘Carbon Footprint’ Mean?

The total amount of greenhouse gases emitted directly and indirectly to support human activities, usually expressed in equivalent tons of either carbon or carbon dioxide.

Direct greenhouse gas emissions can include tailpipe emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> from motor vehicles, methane from landfills, and hydrofluorocarbons from leaking refrigeration or air conditioning equipment. Indirect greenhouse gas emissions arise from coal and other fossil fuel-based energy generated to power residential, commercial, and industrial activities. Indirect emissions also arise from fossil fuel combustion used in the manufacture, transport, storage, disposal, and recycling of commodities and manufactured products.

Source: [www.sustainabilitydictionary.com/c/carbon\\_footprint.php](http://www.sustainabilitydictionary.com/c/carbon_footprint.php)

### What Is Your Carbon Footprint?

You can calculate your carbon footprint online at [www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx](http://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx)

### Tips to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint!

- \* Wait until after dusk to refuel your car (the sun turns vapors into smog)
- \* Don’t top the tank off (this releases gas vapors into the air)
- \* Keep your vehicles tuned up and tires properly inflated
- \* Use eco-friendly products in and on your car
- \* Report vehicles releasing large amounts of exhaust to the LA Department of Environmental Quality, call (225) 219-3640
- \* Slow down
- \* Commute
- \* Use public transportation (fewer cars on the road mean fewer emissions)
- \* Bicycle as often as possible
- \* Carpool
- \* Walk

### Did you know?

If every American home replaced just one light with an ENERGY STAR compact fluorescent bulb (CFL), we would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes for a year, save about \$700 million in annual energy costs, and prevent 9 billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions per year, equivalent to the emissions of about 800,000 cars.

One (CFL) will save about \$30 over its lifetime and pay for itself in about 6 months. It uses 75 percent less energy and lasts about 10 times longer than an incandescent bulb.

Source:  
[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)



### Weatherization

Home weatherization can help save energy and money. Sealing and caulking windows, attic insulation (blown cellulose), attic door covers, and hot water heater blankets are all solutions to greening your home.

### Federal Tax Credits

See [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov) for a list of the federal tax credits for energy efficiency improvements.

### Solar Energy Incentives

Louisiana State Solar Incentive – 50% Tax Credit

- \* Louisiana has the best solar rebate program in the Nation. Louisiana has a substantial 50% tax incentive for going solar—possibly the best tax credit in the nation. The state will pay 50% of the first \$25,000 in the form of a refundable tax credit, which is great because if you don't have tax liability they'll send you a check as an overpayment. The state program has considerable funding that should keep running for the foreseeable future. [www.cleanenergyauthority.com](http://www.cleanenergyauthority.com)

Federal Solar Tax Credit – 30% Tax Credit

- \* There is a 30% Investment Tax Credit for solar which was beefed-up in 2009 and doesn't have a cap. This is a tax credit (better than a deduction) equal to 30% of your out-of-pocket expense when going solar. [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

### Hybrid Cars

When it is time to buy a new car, consider hybrids, natural gas and electric cars.

Hybrid cars may produce 90% less pollutants than comparable non-hybrid cars. By putting less harmful chemicals in the environment, the harmful effects of pollution can be halted or even reversed.

### Water Conservation

Most of us take our clean, fresh water for granted. But water is a limited resource and should be conserved.

#### Water Conservation Benefits:

- \* Makes more drinking water available
- \* Reduces water bills
- \* Helps delay infrastructure expansion
- \* Ensures adequate water supply for years

#### Turn on the tap instead of opening a water bottle

- \* In a 2007 comparison of municipal drinking water quality by Men's Health Magazine, Baton Rouge's water quality was ranked as second best of 100 cities in the United States.
- \* Up to 40 percent of bottled water is filtered tap water.
- \* Each year, according to the Pacific Institute's Peter Gleick, making the plastic water bottles used in the U.S. takes enough oil and energy to fuel a million cars. And that doesn't even include the fuel required to ship, fly or truck water across continents and state lines.
- \* Three-fourths of the half-a-billion plastic water bottles sold in the U.S. every week go in landfills or to incinerators. It costs our cities more than \$70 million to landfill water bottles each year, according to Corporate Accountability International.



Source: Annie Leonard, *Huffington Post* at [www.huffingtonpost.com/annie-leonard/the-story-of-bottled-water\\_b\\_507942.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/annie-leonard/the-story-of-bottled-water_b_507942.html)

#### More Tips to Going Green

- ▲ Water lawns early in the morning. There is less evaporation at that time of day so more water is absorbed into the ground. Also the grass blades are dry by nightfall. This lessens the chance of lawn diseases.
- ▲ According to the new EPA WaterSense initiative, the average bathroom sink faucet flows at a rate of two gallons a minute. You can slow that flow by installing a low-flow faucet.

- ▲ Lower water usage by turning off the tap while you brush your teeth. Do the same while you shave.
- ▲ Read more: [www.thedailygreen.com/going-green/tips/tap-water-conservation-tip#ixzzovYR2NpcQ](http://www.thedailygreen.com/going-green/tips/tap-water-conservation-tip#ixzzovYR2NpcQ)
- ▲ Other water savers include low flow shower heads and water saving toilets. For information: <http://planetgreen.discovery.com/feature/green-materials-guide/bathroom-design-water-conservation.html>

Learn about sustainable agriculture and how it provides organic produce locally:

<http://attra.ncat.org/> and profiles of local organic farms: <http://attra.ncat.org/sorg/la/profiles.html>



### Bring your own bag!

Start a habit that will make you proud: bring reusable bags everytime you go to the store. It's one simple way to go green in your daily life.

#### Why bringing your own bag makes a difference:

- \* Each Year the U.S. uses 30 billion plastic and 10 billion paper grocery bags,. Requiring 14 million trees and 12 million barrels of oil.
- \* Only 1% of plastic bags are recycled annually.

#### Need a reusable shopping bag?

Contact Keep West Baton Rouge Beautiful at 490-8549.

### Did You Know?

Using a clothesline conserves energy and the environment, it saves as much as \$25 a month in your electricity bill and ensures that your clothes will last longer. [www.laundrylist.org](http://www.laundrylist.org)

# Recycle Yard Waste Through Composting, Mulching and Grasscycling

Homeowners spend hundreds of hours a year mowing, clipping, raking and landscaping to keep their property attractive. Instead of placing leaves and grass clippings at the curb, reduce waste by composting, mulching and grasscycling. You will have a more beautiful yard, lower water and fertilizer bills and save valuable resources.

**COMPOSTING** is nature's way of recycling. In a natural ecosystem as leaves, branches and plants fall to the ground, soil microorganisms decompose them into dark, nutrient-rich humus. You can duplicate this process in your backyard and turn your unwanted leaves, twigs, grass clippings and vegetable food scraps into a soil enhancer, mulch or potting soil.

Composting can be done in a pile or in a compost bin. You can build a compost bin, buy a ready-made one or purchase one at the City-Parish annual backyard compost bin sale. Check [www.brgov.com/recycle](http://www.brgov.com/recycle) for dates and locations of sales and designs for backyard compost bins.

**MULCHING** is another simple way to recycle yard waste and improve your soil. Simply place grass, chopped leaves and woody materials around trees and plants. The mulch serves as a protective layer, conserves water and provides nutrients to the soil.

**GRASSCYCLING** is the practice of leaving grass clippings on the lawn when mowing. The clippings quickly decompose, returning nutrients to the soil.

For additional information about composting, mulching, grasscycling and greening your landscape visit these web sites:

[www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/greenscapes/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/greenscapes/index.htm)

[www.composting101.com/](http://www.composting101.com/)

[www.lsuagcenter.com/en/environment/conservation/composting/](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/environment/conservation/composting/)

[www.tceq.state.tx.us/files/gi-028.pdf\\_4249161.pdf](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/files/gi-028.pdf_4249161.pdf)

<http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/compostbrochure.pdf>

The Louisiana Master Gardener™ program is a service and educational activity offered by the LSU AgCenter. The program is designed to recruit and train volunteers to help meet the educational needs of home gardeners while providing an enjoyable and worthwhile service experience for volunteers.

[www.lsuagcenter.com/en/lawn\\_garden/master\\_gardener/](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/lawn_garden/master_gardener/)

Food scraps can be saved for composting using an air-tight container. Place these scraps in your compost bin, worm farm, or bury them in the ground. Compost is rich in nutrients and helps add to the quality of the soil.



## MULCHING BASICS

Mulching is a simple easy way to recycle yard and other organic materials and improve your soil. These materials spread on top of the ground benefit soil and plant health, and make landscape maintenance easier. Wood chips, leaves, grass clippings, wood shaving and compost all make good mulches.

### MULCHING BENEFITS

- ▲ Prevents soil compaction and erosion
- ▲ Suppresses weeds
- ▲ Captures and retains soil moisture
- ▲ Protects plant roots and crowns from extreme heat and cold
- ▲ Protects and stimulates microbial activity in the soil
- ▲ Adds nutrients to the soil as they break down

## Benefits of Composting

- ▶ Reduce or eliminate the need for chemical fertilizers
- ▶ Promote higher yields of agricultural crops
- ▶ Facilitate reforestation, wetlands restoration, and habitat revitalization efforts by amending contaminated, compacted, and marginal soils
- ▶ Cost-effectively remediate soils contaminated by hazardous waste
- ▶ Remove solids, oil, grease, and heavy metals from stormwater runoff
- ▶ Avoids Methane and leachate formulation in landfills
- ▶ Capture and destroy 99.6 percent of industrial volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) in contaminated air
- ▶ Reduces the need for water, fertilizers, and pesticides
- ▶ Serves as a marketable commodity and is a low-cost alternative to standard landfill cover and artificial soil amendments
- ▶ Extends municipal landfill life by diverting organic materials from landfills

## \* Sustainable Landscaping

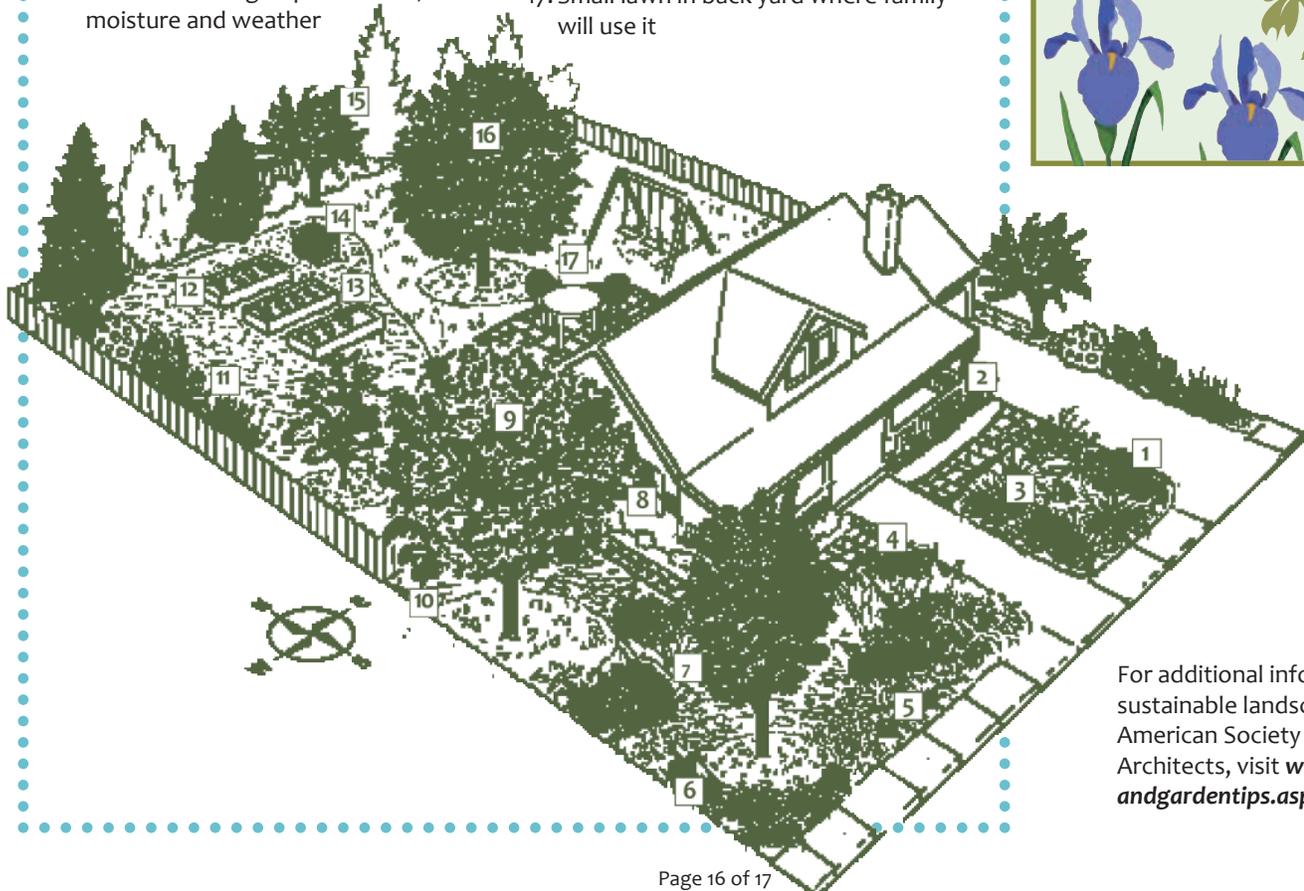
Landscaping is a natural and beautiful way to keep your home cool in the summer and reduce your energy and water bills. Well-placed trees and shrubs act as wind breaks as well as providing effective shade.

Sustainable landscapes help conserve water, reduce the use of chemicals, create healthier soil and plants and increase biodiversity in landscape areas. A local example at the LAHouse Home and Garden Resource Center was built to examine the issue of sustainability. The grounds are landscaped with drought-tolerant, native plants,

rainwater is harvested for outdoor use, and integrated pest management was used to minimize the need for chemical controls. Storm water run-off was minimized by retaining water on site. Go to [www.lsuagcenter.com/lahouse](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/lahouse) for a virtual tour. Use native plant landscaping to reduce pollution and erosion, to provide habitat and to replace turf. These plants require less water and are more tolerant to our climate. Consider using drip irrigation for vegetable and flower beds.

### Sustainable Landscaping Principles and Practices

1. Permeable paving on driveway and walkway to front door
2. Water from roof channeled to cistern
3. Water for wildlife habitat
4. Pavers with spaces and low water use plants between
5. Front lawn replaced by diverse planting with many Louisiana native groundcovers, shrubs and trees, but no invasive species
6. All plants given the space to grow to their natural size
7. Plants selected to match the microclimates
8. Irrigation controller waters hydro-zones according to plant needs, soil moisture and weather
9. Deciduous trees placed to the west and southwest of the house and patio for summer cooling
10. Repository for leaves to collect under trees as mulch
11. Mulched paths keep soil covered
12. Drip irrigation for vegetable beds, shrubs and trees
13. Raised beds constructed from plastic or composite lumber
14. Compost bin recycles plant and kitchen debris
15. Evergreen trees and hedges block north winter winds
16. Trees not topped but pruned properly to prevent wind damage
17. Small lawn in back yard where family will use it



### Did You Know?

#### Louisiana Native Plants

- \* add beauty to the landscape and preserve our natural heritage
- \* provide food and habitat for native wildlife
- \* serve as an important genetic resource for future food crops or other plant-derived products
- \* help slow down the spread of fire by staying greener longer
- \* decrease the amount of water needed for landscape maintenance
- \* require very little long-term maintenance if they are properly planted and established
- \* produce long root systems to hold soil in place
- \* protect water quality by controlling soil erosion and moderating floods and droughts

Source: [www.nps.gov/plants/restore/pubs/intronatplant/whyusenatives.htm](http://www.nps.gov/plants/restore/pubs/intronatplant/whyusenatives.htm)

#### Other helpful web sites:

United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Services at <http://plants.usda.gov/>  
 Louisiana Native Plant Society at [www.lnps.org](http://www.lnps.org)  
[www.plantnative.org](http://www.plantnative.org)



For additional information about sustainable landscaping from the American Society of Landscape Architects, visit [www.asla.org/home-andgardentips.aspx](http://www.asla.org/home-andgardentips.aspx)

# \* Green Building

Throughout the country more and more businesses and home owners are planning green or sustainable buildings. Government incentive programs and a wide variety of eco-friendly materials are fueling a revolution in green building.

### DEFINITION OF GREEN BUILDING:

Green building is the practice of creating structures and using processes that are environmentally responsible and resource-efficient throughout a building's life-cycle from siting to design, construction, operation, maintenance, renovating and deconstruction.

Green building expands and complements the classical building design concerns of economy, utility, durability and comfort. Green buildings are designed and built to reduce the overall impact on human health and the natural environment by efficiently using energy, water and other natural resources.

By adopting green or sustainable building practices we can maximize both environmental and economic performance. Potential benefits of green building include:

### Environmental benefits

- ▲ Enhance and protect biodiversity and ecosystems
- ▲ Improve air and water quality
- ▲ Reduce waste streams
- ▲ Conserve and restore natural resources

### Economic benefits

- ▲ Reduce operating costs
- ▲ Create, expand and shape markets for green products and services
- ▲ Improve occupant productivity
- ▲ Optimize life-cycle economic performance

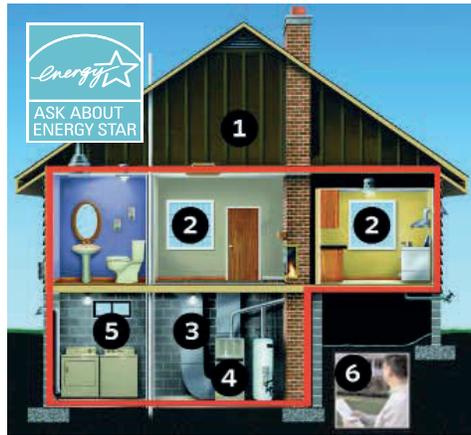
### Social benefits

- ▲ Enhance occupant comfort and health
- ▲ Heighten aesthetic qualities
- ▲ Minimize strain on local infrastructure
- ▲ Improve overall quality of life

### The LAHouse

LAHouse on the LSU campus is a research-based house full of solution and educational outreach programs to help you shape the future with homes that offer: more comfort, durability, value, convenience, environmental quality, safety and better health with less energy, water, pollution, waste, damage and loss.

[www.lsuagcenter.com/lahouse](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/lahouse)



### Energy Efficient Home Features from [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

Components of a Typical ENERGY STAR Qualified home are at least 15 percent more energy efficient than homes built to the 2004 International Residential Code (IRC).

ENERGY STAR qualified homes achieve energy savings through reliable building technologies. Builders work with Home Energy Raters to select from a number of features when planning and building homes.

**1. Effective Insulation** - Properly installed, climate-appropriate insulation in floors, walls, and attics ensures even temperatures throughout the house, less energy consumption, and increased comfort.

**2. High-Performance Windows** - Energy-efficient windows employ advanced technologies, such as protective coatings and improved frame assemblies, to help keep heat in during winter and out during summer.

**3. Tight Construction and Ducts** - Sealing holes and cracks in the home's "envelope" and in duct systems helps reduce drafts, moisture, dust, pollen, and noise while reducing utility bills.

**4. Efficient Heating and Cooling Equipment** - In addition to using less energy to operate, energy-efficient heating and cooling systems can be quieter, reduce indoor humidity, and improve the overall comfort of the home.

**5. Lighting and Appliances** - Homes may also be equipped with ENERGY STAR qualified products such as lighting fixtures, compact fluorescent bulbs, ventilation fans, refrigerators, dish washers, and washing machines. These ENERGY STAR qualified products provide additional energy savings.

**6. Third-Party Verification** - With the help of independent Home Energy Raters, ENERGY STAR builder partners choose the most appropriate energy-saving features for their homes. Additionally, raters conduct onsite testing and inspections to verify that the homes qualify as ENERGY STAR.

### LEED Certified explained:

LEED is the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. LEED encourages builders and developers to implement green and/or sustainable building practices. LEED is a third party certification and is the nationally accepted benchmark of design, construction and operation of buildings. LEED provides the builders, as well as the owners and tenants of LEED certified properties, with all of the information they need to maximize the benefits of their building.

LEED is measured in five areas:

1. Energy efficiency
2. Water savings
3. Materials selection
4. Indoor environmental quality
5. Sustainable site development

Source: [www.wellsphere.com](http://www.wellsphere.com)



### Tips on How to Build Green

- \* Use products made with salvaged, recycled, or agricultural waste content
- \* Use products that conserve natural resources
- \* Use products that avoid toxic or other emissions
- \* Use products that save energy or water
- \* Use products that contribute to a safe, healthy built environment
- \* Use recycled content building materials such as plastic lumber for decking, fencing and exterior molding.
- \* Use green label low VOC carpets, natural fiber carpet or carpet with recycled content.
- \* Use wood, bamboo and cork flooring made from renewable resource and which are long lasting.
- \* Use natural linoleum made from natural linseed oil, rosins and wood flour with a jute backing.
- \* Use recycled content ceramic tiles which contain recycled glass or other materials.
- \* Use low VOC paints and wood finishes

For more information visit [www.greenhomeguide.org](http://www.greenhomeguide.org) and see chart on page 26 for local green building vendors.

Source: [www.buildinggreen.com/auth/article.cfm?fileName=090101a.xml](http://www.buildinggreen.com/auth/article.cfm?fileName=090101a.xml)



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