Global Green Presents Guide to Help New Orleans Rebuild Green

On behalf of the entire staff and Board of Directors at Global Green USA, I am pleased to present the first ever Green Building Guide. The Guide is designed to help you find the green products and services that will make it easier for you to save money on rising energy bills, improve the indoor air quality and health of your home and do your part to help rebuild a more resilient, greener New Orleans. We know you are working hard to make New Orleans an even more wonderful place to live and we’re doing our part to help. Global Green is a national non-profit environmental organization that has opened an office, resource center and visitor center in New Orleans to help demonstrate the affordability and effectiveness of rebuilding green. We hope you will visit in person or through our website (www.globalgreen.org) to learn more or to get involved as a supporter of our efforts.

This guide is one example of our efforts to help improve the health and reduce the energy use of homes, schools and all buildings while protecting the environment. By rebuilding healthy green homes, you will also help make New Orleans a model for how cities can rebuild in a climate friendly way. We’d like to hear from you about how you’ve used the guide and how we can improve it in the future. There are also many more green building tips and resources available on our website at www.globalgreen.org/bibg. We would love to hear your stories about how you “built back green.” We may even post your story on our website to help others trying to make green improvements to their homes. We wish all New Orleanians and Louisianans good luck in bringing back what is truly one of the world’s most important cities.

— Matt Petersen
CEO, Global Green USA

Global Green CEO Matt Petersen with Green Cross International founder Mikhail Gorbachev touring Lower 9th Ward

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Green Building Guide 2009
Global Green Leads Green Charge in New Orleans

In just three and a half years, the national non-profit environmental organization Global Green USA has planted deep roots in New Orleans. Armed with a vision for the sustainable rebuilding of the city developed in the days after Hurricane Katrina by President and CEO Matt Petersen and other senior staff, Global Green has worked hard to help New Orleans rebuild healthier, smarter homes and schools while becoming a green city for the 21st century.

Global Green started by raising $1,000 from its staff in the week after Hurricane Katrina and since has helped direct millions of dollars in philanthropic investment from across the U.S. toward green construction projects and community outreach programs to the local New Orleans economy.

The New Orleans office opened just 4 months after the storm. Today it has a staff of 7 and 3 Americorps volunteers led by Beth Galante. They join 28 other national Global Green staff in three offices. Together, they help drive our key initiatives. Global Green’s Holy Cross Project addressed the need to build sustainable housing in the devastated district. With lead funding partner the Home Depot Foundation, Global Green is building the first model sustainable housing in the Lower Ninth Ward and New Orleans. Global Green has launched the Build It Back Green Initiative with the goal of reaching out to 10,000 families to rebuild healthy, energy efficient homes. The Green Schools Initiative is part of a national initiative to help improve student performance and health while saving schools money. Global Green’s comprehensive approach also includes green policy advocacy efforts in New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Washington, DC. It hosts frequent educational workshops and public panel discussions, and provides local media with regular green resources.

Build it Back Green was kicked-off last year to provide technical assistance, materials and information on green building to citizens. The program includes weekly neighborhood meetings, as well as a monthly “Green It Yourself” how-to workshop for residents making their own improvements.

“This program gives thousands of residents immediate access to ‘green tools’ that they can use to make their homes better. This is what we are working towards...making New Orleans one of the greenest cities in America,” said Beth Galante, Director of the New Orleans Office of Global Green USA.

Helping improve schools is also a top priority for Global Green. Schools have historically suffered from a lack of resources, contributing to poor student performance. Thanks to a $2 million grant from the Bush Clinton Katrina Fund, Global Green is investing in building healthy green schools.

The Model Green Schools initiative overhauls existing public school buildings or contributes to the construction of new ones, yielding high performance, showcase green schools. Recipients are the Andrew H. Wilson Charter School and the L.B. Landry Senior High School, both of which will be among the highest performance, LEED-certified schools in the nation.

The Green Seed Schools program has already announced three of four existing schools that are undergoing retrofitting and upgrades for maximum energy efficiency and sustainability, including A.P. Tureaud Elementary School, The International School, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School. Upgrades will result in thousands of dollars in reduced energy costs per year and a significantly reduced carbon footprint.

“Green schools are a big part of our commitment, as they provide better learning environments for students and have been shown to increase test scores up to 22%, not to mention lowering energy costs and water usage, making improvements in the health of students and teachers, improving teacher retention and lowering absentee rates,” said Matt Petersen.

The construction of Global Green’s Holy Cross Project is well underway. Designed by Matthew Berman and Andrew Kotchen of Workshop APD, the project received lead funding from The Home Depot Foundation. The first single family home was completed and opened for public tours as a visitor’s center in May 2008. The house, which is 73% more efficient than the typical American home, is LEED Platinum and a model for green building with state-of-the-art green building methods, appliances and home décor. It has already attracted over 3,000 visitors from all over the world.

Construction of the additional four single-family homes has begun and is slated for completion in late summer 2009. The 18 unit apartment building will start construction in early summer 2009. The single-family homes will be offered for sale to former residents of the Lower Ninth Ward starting in May or June 2009.

Global Green USA plans to continue its public education work, policy advocacy, and green building projects with goals of establishing a sustainable green industry in New Orleans.

“If we can help make New Orleans a leader in all aspects of green building – from architects and contractors to framers and solar installers, the Crescent City can have a more diverse, stronger economy,” continued Petersen. It will generate new, green jobs and help families throughout the city live more safely, with lower energy costs, and less impact on the environment.”

For more information, or to become a member of Global Green, visit www.globalgreen.org/neworleans.
3. CABINETS: WHEATBOARD/STRAW PARTICLEBOARD

Mardel Products: 318-253-7730, 294 Industrial Blvd., Mansura, LA 71350, mardelpродо@kricket.net. Builds custom cabinets, can work with green materials


4. COUNTERTOPS: RECYCLED TILES & LAMINATE


Mardel Products: 318-253-7730, 294 Industrial Blvd., Mansura, LA 71350. Avonite Surfaces Fabricator


Wilkinson Carpets: 518-687-0091, 6810 W. Bert Kouns, Shreveport, LA 71129. Avonite Surfaces Fabricator

5. COUNTERTOPS: NATURAL

Cameron Kitchen & Bath Designs: 504-486-3759, 8019 Palm St., New Orleans, LA 70119. Carries Zodiaq and Corian


6. DECKING: RECYCLED PLASTIC LUMBER


Lumber Products Inc.: Brian Sandrock, 504-834-8444, 1620 Airline Dr., Metairie, LA 70001, lumberprod@bellsouth.net. Trex dealer


7. DECORATIVE: RECYCLED SHEET MATERIAL


8. DOORS


Crescent Door & Hardware: Newuille Hotstream, 504-733-8366, 6100 Humphreys Street, Harahan, LA 70123, newuille@cdhomo.com. Marshfield and VT Industries doors distributor


9. DUCTWORK


Singer Kitchens: Multiple locations in the metro New Orleans area. Carries Zodiaq and Corian


10. ENERGY: SOLAR

Austin Solar Equipment: 337-896-8177, 1005 Cameron St., Lafayette, LA 70501.


11. FANS


Home Depot: Multiple locations in the New Orleans metro area. Broan-Nu-Tone dealer


Low E Saving Products: 504-723-1018, 59125 Carrol Rd., Slidell, LA 70460, tony@lowesp.com. Solar Dynamics dealer

Morrison Terrebonne Lumber: 985-879-1597, 600 Barataria Ave., Houma, LA 70360. Solar Tube Dealer

O.W.L. Technologies LLC: Orville W. Lowery, 504-289-8766, 2416 Verbena St., New Orleans, LA 70122, ooowitch@yahoo.com. Solar powered attic fans


12. FLOORING: BAMBOO


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Global Green’s Guide to Debut at First Ever Green Fair at City Park’s Botanical Garden During the 30th Anniversary Spring Garden Show

In celebration of its 30th anniversary, this year’s Spring Garden Show at City Park Botanical Garden will be greener than ever with the debut of a first ever in New Orleans Green Fair produced by Global Green USA and the New Orleans Botanical Garden, and with the unveiling of Global Green’s Green Building Guide.

The Green Building Guide, designed to provide resources and ideas for green building, decorating and living, features the first ever user-friendly list of Louisiana’s green product vendors.

“We know it hasn’t been easy for people rebuilding or building new homes to find outlets for green products,” said Beth Galante, Director of Global Green USA’s new homes to find outlets for green product vendors.

“Global Green USA will be providing information on the Build it Back Green program, with tips and assistance for residents and homebuilders on how to improve energy efficiency and indoor air quality, as well as samples of sustainable products. The Green Fair will also feature one of the first exclusively green outdoor arts markets, with artworks by local artists specializing in recycled media.

“The Botanical Garden is a great setting for the fair and forums to help New Orleans residents learn about simple, low cost green techniques that they can use to rebuild safe, healthy, and energy efficient homes,” said Paul Soniat, Director of the Botanical Garden and creator of the Green Fair.

“It is really important for the people of a city that has suffered from the worst ecological disaster in American history to learn about green strategies for rebuilding and landscaping,” said Soniat. “We hope that this is just the beginning of making City Park the heart of the green movement on the Gulf Coast.”

The 30th annual Spring Garden Show also features live music, seminars, lectures and celebrity appearances such as Bryan Batt, star of cable TV hit series Mad Men, and John Berendt, author of Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil.

The Spring Garden Show is sponsored by LSU Ag Center and the Metro Area Horticultural Foundation. The Green Fair is sponsored by Global Green USA and the New Orleans Botanical Garden.


Modern Flooring & Interiors Carpet One: Michael Mercer, 504-488-1364, 3619 S. Carrolton Ave., New Orleans, LA 70123, www.modernflooring.net, mmercer@modernflooring.net.


Mary’s Floor World: 504-522-8934, 927 Julia St., New Orleans, LA 70113.

Modern Flooring & Interiors Carpet One: Michael Mercer, 504-488-1364, 3619 S. Carrolton Ave., New Orleans, LA 70123, www.modernflooring.net, mmercer@modernflooring.net.


13. FLOORING: CORK


14. FLOORING: NATURAL FIBER

Mary’s Floor World: 504-522-8934, 927 Julia St., New Orleans, LA 70113.

15. FLOORING: NATURAL LINOILEUM


Modern Flooring & Interiors Carpet One: Michael Mercer, 504-488-1364, 3619 S. Carrolton Ave., New Orleans, LA 70123, www.modernflooring.net, mmercer@modernflooring.net.

Modern Flooring & Interiors Carpet One: Michael Mercer, 504-488-1364, 3619 S. Carrolton Ave., New Orleans, LA 70123, www.modernflooring.net, mmercer@modernflooring.net.


16. FLOORING: NATURAL RUBBER


Mary’s Floor World: 504-522-8934, 927 Julia St., New Orleans, LA 70113.

Modern Flooring & Interiors Carpet One: Michael Mercer, 504-488-1364, 3619 S. Carrolton Ave., New Orleans, LA 70123, www.modernflooring.net, mmercer@modernflooring.net.


17. FLOORING: NATURAL FIBER OR RECYCLED CONTENT CARPETs


Home Depot: Multiple locations in the New Orleans metro area.

Mary’s Floor World: 504-522-8934, 927 Julia St., New Orleans, LA 70113. Has natural fiber carpet.

Modern Flooring & Interiors Carpet One: Michael Mercer, 504-488-1364, 3619 S. Carrolton Ave., New Orleans, LA 70123, www.modernflooring.net, mmercer@modernflooring.net.


18. FLOORING: RECYCLED FLOOR TILE


Mary’s Floor World: 504-522-8934, 927 Julia St., New Orleans, LA 70113. Has vinyl composite.
19. FLOORING: UNDERLAYMENT

**Home Depot**: Multiple locations in the New Orleans metro area.


20. FLOORING: RAISED FLOOR SYSTEMS


**George Hero Architect**: 504-522-0991, 913 Magazine St., New Orleans, LA 70130, ghero@bellsouth.net. Commercial, repair/remodel, residential

**Highland Homes of LaPlace**: 985-652-0190, 390 Belle Terre Blvd., LaPlace, LA 70068. Build, commercial, repair/remodel, residential

**Homes of Distinction**: 504-456-0845, 4616 Transcontinental Dr., Metairie, LA 70006, www.homesofdistinctioinco.com. Build, commercial, concrete, design, foundation, framing, masonry, repair/remodel, residential

**High Tech Engineers**: 504-338-8215, 3500 N. Causeway Blvd. Suite 1290, Metairie, LA 70002. Commercial, concrete, design, foundation, framing, masonry, repair/remodel, residential


**Knoxco Properties**: Steve Blakeley, 504-338-4464, 3648 Pin Oak Ave., New Orleans, LA 70131. Build, concrete, design, electrical, foundation, framing, gas, HVAC/mechanical, masonry, plumbing, repair/ remodel, residential

21. FRAMING: CONNECTORS/ANCHORING/FASTENING SYSTEMS

**84 Lumber**: 504-469-8400, 10329 W Airline Hwy., St Rose, LA 70087, www.84lumber.com. Simpson Strong tie distributor


**Ace Fasteners**: 504-738-1934, 301 Hickory Ave., Harahan, LA 70123. Simpson Strong tie distributor

**Crescent Hardware Supply, Inc**: 504-399-6950, 1101 Sams Avenue, Harahan, LA 70123, www.crescenthardware.com

**Home Hardware Center**: 225-869-5701, 355 W. Main, Gramercy, LA 70052.


22. FRAMING: STRUCTURAL INSULATED PANELS


23. FRAMING: PRECAST CONCRETE FORMS

**Alfred Miller Contracting Company**: 337-477-4681, P.O. Box 6030, Lake Charles, LA 70606.

**Century Group**: 337-527-5266, P.O. Box 228, Sulphur, LA 70663.

24. FRAMING: FOAM PANELS

**Ener-G Homes (distributed by Exterior Specialties, LLC)**: 337-504-3427, 161 High Meadows Blvd., Lafayette, LA 70507.

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Global Green USA’s Holy Cross Project in the Lower Ninth Ward has broken ground on all 5 single-family houses that will be part of the green village

Conservation Technologies: Ron Guarino, 504-362-3672, 3409 Lake Arrowhead Dr., Harvey, LA 70058, conservtek@cox.net, programmable thermostats.

27. INDOOR AIR QUALITY: AIR PURIFICATION SYSTEMS


28. INDOOR AIR QUALITY: MOLD REMEDIATION

All American Industrial Supply, LLC: 225-928-9406, 38466 B Acre Ln., Gonzalez, LA 70737, www.aaisupply.com, bobbaker@cox.net. Also carries lead and asbestos abatement and corrosion control products, dust control products.


Mr. B Services, Inc. MS, LA: 504-734-7575, 201 Evans Road #325, Harahan, LA 70123. Nisus distributor.


29. INDOOR AIR QUALITY: NON-TOXIC ADHESIVES

Delaune’s Do It Center: 225-622-4061, 16019 Hwy 44, Prairieville, LA 70769.


30. INDOOR AIR QUALITY: NON-TOXIC PAINTS


31. INSULATION: CELLULOSE

Ascension Insulation & Supply: 225-647-5739, 825 N. Felix St., P.O. Box 356, Gonzales, LA 70707, ascensioninsulation@eatel.net. Also does fiberglass, rockwool, closet shelving, and garage doors, Cellulose on request.


Conservation Technologies: Ron Guarino, 504-362-3672, 3409 Lake Arrowhead Dr., Harvey, LA 70058, conservtek@cox.net. Blown fiberglass & cellulose, open and closed cell foam.


Taylor & Tyler: 504-468-8388, 2301 Brooklyn St., Harvey LA 70058.

32. INSULATION: CONCRETE INSULATED FORMS


Building Specialties Company: 225-677-8982, 10058 Industriplex Ave., Gonzales, LA 70737, albentley@buildingspecialtiesonline.net. Quad Lock.

33. INSULATION: COTTON


34. INSULATION: SPRAY FOAM


All Star Insulation: 504-592-3447, 1112 Dakin St., Jefferson, LA 70121. Installer for Icynene.


Taylor & Tyler: 504-468-8388, 2301 Brooklyn St., Harvey LA 70058.


35. INSULATION: FORMALDEHYDE-FREE


36. INSULATION: COATINGS

Conservation Technologies: Ron Guarino, 504-362-3672, 3409 Lake Arrowhead Dr., Harvey, LA 70058, conservtek@cox.net. Heatshield (radiant barrier paint additive) dealer.


Freret Paint: 504-894-0400, 5104 Freret St., New Orleans, LA 70115, freeretpaint@yahoo.com.


37. INSULATION: HOUSEWRAP

84 Lumber: 985-863-8461, 63250 Highway 11, Pearl River, LA 70452, www.84lumber.com, gmurray@2701.84.lumber.com.

Lumber Products inc.: 84 lumber: Dealer of Low-E products. 84lumber.co.


40. INSULATION: FLASHING


41. INSULATION: SHEATHING


42. INTERIOR TRIM: CERTIFIED OR RECYCLED BASEBOARDS


43. INTERIOR WALLS: NATURAL WALLCOVERING


Ransone JEB Lumber Co.: 504-834-0491, 533 Coolidge St., New Orleans, LA 70121.


44. LIGHTING: COMPACT FLUORESCENT LAMPS


45. LIGHTING: ENERGY EFFICIENT FIXTURES


Cameron Kitchen and Bath: 504-486-3759, 8019 Palm St., New Orleans, LA 70125.


Lighting, Inc.: 504-486-5761, 4201 Tulane Ave., New Orleans, LA 70119.

WESCO Distribution: Bob Abrahamson, 504-835-8888, P.O. Box 188, Metairie, LA 70001, www.wesco.com, babrahamson@wesco.com.


First Light of New Orleans: 504-733-4004, 1020 Distributors Row, Harahan, LA 70123.


46. LUMBER: FSC CERTIFIED WOOD


Paneling Factory: 504-899-5674, 4124 Tchoupitoulas St., New Orleans, LA. Cabinets, flooring

Allied Building Stores: 318-699-9100, 2059 Old Sterlington St., Monroe, LA 71203. Mary’s River Lumber

ROMEX World Trade Company: 318-445-1973, 800-299-5174, P.O. Box 1100 Alexandria, LA 71309. Certified Plywood and OSB

47. LUMBER: STRUCTURAL UNENGINEERED LUMBER


Councilwoman Cynthia Willard Lewis, Global Green USA CEO Matt Petersen, Global Green New Orleans Director Beth Galante, Charles Allen, President, Holy Cross Neighborhood Association, Pam Dashiel, Boardmember, Holy Cross Neighborhood Association at grand opening of Holy Cross Project


Lumber Products: Brian Sandrock, 504-834-8444, 1620 Airline Hwy., Metairie, LA 70070, www.lumberproductsinc.com, lumberprod@bellsouth.net. Beams and engineered wood


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49. OUTDOOR SURFACES: RECYCLED RUBBER PLAYGROUND SURFACE

Bixco: 800-894-0195, 225-754-7800, 8400 Earhart Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70118


50. OUTDOOR SURFACES: PERMEABLE PAVING


Pavestone Company: 985-882-9111, 29095 Krentel Rd., Lacombe, LA 70445

51. OUTDOOR SURFACES: PERMEABLE CONCRETE


52. PLUMBING: GREYWATER PURIFICATION SYSTEMS

Stand & Associates: 337-948-9600, 119 West Landry, Opelousas, LA 70570. Brac Systems Representative

53. PLUMBING: SOLAR HOT WATER HEATER

Dahl Properties, LLC: 318-388-0579, 3304 W Deborah Dr., Monroe, LA 71201

54. PLUMBING: TANKLESS WATER HEATERS

Accardo and Lambert Plumbing and Heating Inc: 504-866-7162, 8303 Willow St., New Orleans, LA 70118. Rhemm/Rudd

B & D Plumbing Company: 225-273-4300, 979 O’Neal Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. Rhemm/Rudd installers


Bootleg Plumbing: 504-874-5255, 675 Wewman Ave., Jefferson, LA 70121. Takagi/Norris/Rhimm/Rudd installers

Boyds Plbg Heating & A/C: contact Rob, 985-781-2693, 4037 Highway 190 East, Slidell, LA 70461, rob@boydmechanical.net. Rhemm/Rudd installers

Conservation Technologies: Ron Guarino, 504-362-3672, 3409 Lake Arrowhead Drive, Harvey, LA 70058, conservtek@cox.net.

D J. Allo Plumbing: Darrel Allo, 504-887-4567, PO Box 1234, Metairie, LA 70001, alloppiping@aol.com. Rhemm/Rudd installers

D J. Allo Plumbing: Darrel Allo, 504-892-4567, PO Box 1234, Abita Springs, LA 70420, alloppiping@aol.com. Rhemm/Rudd installers

Deaton Plumbing, LLC: Larry Deaton, 985-229-3938, 19180 E. Kyzar Rd., Kentwood, LA 70444, deatonplumbing@bellsouth.net. Rhemm/Rudd installers

Earl’s Plumbing: contact Eric, 504-887-5312, 5107 W Napoleon Ave., Metairie, LA 70001, www.earlspiplingandheating.com, erica@earlspiplingandheating.com. Rhemm/Rudd installers

Gary H. Spence Plumbing: 601-276-2937, 1120 Country Lake Dr., Summit, MS 39666. Rhemm/Rudd installers

George’s Plumbing: 504-832-9117, 3851 Airline Hwy., Metairie, LA 70001, info@georgesplumbing.net, info@georgesplumbing.net. Rhemm/Rudd


Leon’s Plumbing Company: Kristen Molinario, 504-780-2600, 2516 David Dr., Metairie, LA 70003, kristenmolinario@yahoo.com. Rhemm/Rudd installers

Lorio’s Plumbing Company: 504-833-8840, 1614 Pomona St., Metairie, LA 70005. Rhemm/Rudd installers

Mike Coles Plumbing: 504-833-2222, 623 Metairie Lawn Dr., Metairie, LA 70001. Rhemm/Rudd installers


Neill Gas: John Ford, 228-832-2111, 1220 Highway 67, Biloxi, MS 39532, www.neillgas.com, jford@neillgas.com. Rhemm/Rudd installers


Tim’s PROFICIENT Plumbing Repair: 225-791-2573, 1115 Jason Dr., Denham Springs, LA 70726. Rhemm/Rudd installers


Advance Plumbing & Heating: 504-362-1564, 616 Franklin St., Gretna, LA 70053, www.advanceplumbingandheating.net, advancep@bellsouth.net. Tankless installer


Canserv: 800-865-6826, Harahan, LA 70123. Rinnai tankless installer


Canserv: 800-865-6826, Harahan, LA 70123. Rinnai tankless installer


Build it Back Green: Rebuilding Offers Unique Opportunities

Faced with the countless decisions of rebuilding projects and repairs, the average South Louisiana citizen has grown more construction-savvy. Though often stressful, home reconstruction poses the unique opportunity to incorporate the latest in building options, which have recently taken a turn toward eco-friendly products and practices. Recognizing this opportunity to rebuild a greener, sustainable New Orleans, Global Green USA launched the Build it Back Green initiative to make it easier for Louisiana residents to learn how to find and install simple, cost-effective green products into their homes, suitable to every budget.

The program includes development and distribution of the Green Building Guide, a comprehensive directory of green products; information on how to take advantage of statewide and federal incentives for green building; and other useful tips which emphasize steps that all citizens can take to reduce both their utility bills and their carbon footprint.

Not pricey, but with proven cost-effectiveness, green building options include replacing regular light bulbs with Compact Fluorescent ones (CFLs) and updating homes with proper wall and ceiling insulation which can increase the efficiency and effectiveness of lighting, heating and cooling systems. Applying radiant barriers to upper levels of the home can deflect up to 97% of the sun’s rays and significantly reduce monthly energy bills while increasing air quality. Such small-scale improvements can reduce the total energy usage of homes and buildings, now one third of total U.S. energy consumption.

“This program has the broadest reach of any of our initiatives so far,” said Beth Galante, Director, Global Green New Orleans Office.

“Our Build it Back Green workshops and advocacy work have already reached a broad audience,” said Raymond Breaux, Build it Back Green coordinator. “This program is offering thousands of residents immediate access to ‘green tools’ that they can use to make a real difference in their own homes and lives.”

The Build it Back Green initiative also provides weekly by-appointment workshops throughout the city. It also encourages community use of both the Global Green Resource Center at 841 Carondelet Street, near Howard Avenue in the Central Business District, and the Holy Cross Project’s entirely sustainable Global Green House, open to the public in the Lower 9th ward at 409 Andry Street next to the river.

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To learn more, or to schedule an appointment, go to www.globalgreen.org/bibg.

58. ROOFING: RECYCLED RUBBER ROOFING SHINGLES


59. SIDING: FIBER CEMENT


Blue Link Corp: 504-915-4880, 7500 Almonaster Ave., New Orleans, LA 70126. Also Fiber Cement Trim.


62. TILES: RECYCLED GLASS

63. WINDOWS: LOW-E/DOUBLE PANES
ABC Supply #0079: 504-733-2225, 748 St. George Ave., Jefferson, LA 70121, mg079@abcsupply.com. Velux dealer.
ABC Supply #0221: 504-773-0666, 5509 Powell St., Harahan, LA 70123, Pella dealer.
Conservation Technologies: 504-362-3672, 3409 Lake Arrowhead Dr., Harvey, LA 70058, conservtek@cox.net. Certainteed and Alside windows.
Conservation Technologies: Ron Guarino, 504-362-3672, 3409 Lake Arrowhead Drive, Harvey, LA 70058, conservtek@cox.net.

Ten Tips for Energy Saving and Healthy Living

1. Use Compact Fluorescent Lights Indoors and Outside
The easiest way to cut your energy costs is to swap regular light bulbs for compact fluorescent ones, called “CFLs.” Compared to regular bulbs, CFLs use 1/4 of the energy, last 10 times longer, and save you $25-$45 for each bulb over its life span.

2. Choose Energy Star Appliances and Electronics
Home appliances and electronics typically account for about 20% of your energy bill. Lower your monthly utility costs by purchasing models with the Department of Energy’s blue ENERGY STAR label. Energy Star appliances use 10%-50% less energy and water than standard models and can save up to $400 per year on utility bills.

3. Install a Radiant Barrier in Your Attic
A radiant barrier is an aluminum foil-coated material that can reduce your summer-energy bills by more than 15%, and block as much as 50% of the heat radiated through the roof and into your house.

4. Install High Quality Insulation
Roughly 50% of your energy bill goes towards just cooling and heating your home. You can reduce your energy bills by more than 15% through installing quality insulation – such as formaldehyde-free fiberglass, cellulose, or cell foam insulation - in walls and attics.

5. Shade Your Windows
Windows on the east, west, and south side of a structure greatly increase the temperature in your house. Plant trees, install overhangs or Venetian blinds, and use solar film or screens on your windows to block sunlight. You can install ENERGY STAR low-E high impact windows, which also provide a defense against hurricane winds.

6. Seal Air Leaks with Weather-stripping and Caulk
More than 30% of the cooled and heated air escapes a house through leaky windows, doors, fireplaces, recessed lights, drain lines, vents and electrical outlets. By caulking, installing foam and weather stripping, you can save up to 20 percent on your energy bill.

7. Seal the Leaks in Your Ductwork
Leaky ductwork may account for up to 30% to 50% of cooled and heated indoor air loss. Seal all joints and connections with mastic, available at most hardware stores. NEVER use duct tape.

8. Choose Healthy Paint, Carpet and Cabinets
Paints, carpets, and cabinets can contain harmful chemicals called volatile organic compounds (VOC) that can cause skin rashes, headaches, nosebleeds, nausea and eye, nose and throat irritation. Some of these toxins may be linked to cancer. Most people spend up to 90% of their time indoors so we should be concerned for indoor air quality. Use wood finishes, paints, and carpets that have low or no VOC levels.

9. Install Water-Efficient Toilets and Fixtures
The average household spends about $500 each year on water and sewage bills. Water-efficient toilets use only 1.6 gallons per flush, compared with standard toilets that require 5-7 gallons, and can reduce a family of four's water usage by 22,000 gallons per year. You could save up to $200 a year by switching to low-flow toilets, faucets and showerheads.

10. Select a Light-Colored Roof
Choose a light colored roof for new construction and existing structures, and you can reduce summer energy bills by at least 20%. Light colored roofs reflect heat, and also last longer due to the decrease in surface temperature.

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