



# GREEN EXPO



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Learn how to live green and make sustainable choices in your EVERY-DAY LIFE! Environmentally friendly living inside & outside your home.

This Expo is FREE! Educational booths & guest speakers, as well as kids' activities and entertainment.

## Highlights



- Alternative power sources
- Natural cleaning products, lawn care & personal care products
- Minnesota GreenStar
- Energy efficiency options
- Landscaping, rain gardens, composting, Master Gardeners on site to answer your questions
- Green remodeling & building materials
- Environmentally food options
- Water conservation, waste reduction tips, recycling & more!

# Coon Rapids Civic Center

11155 Robinson Drive

## Saturday, April 24th, 2010

## 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Sustainability Commission

Visit [www.coonrapidsmn.gov](http://www.coonrapidsmn.gov) or call 763-767-6485 with questions.

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**April 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.- Coon Rapids Civic Center, 11155 Robinson Drive, Coon Rapids, MN 55433**

Learn how to live green and make sustainable choices in your every day life. This residential expo will focus on environmentally friendly living inside and outside your home. The Expo is free and will showcase local businesses. Education and informational booths, speakers, entertainment, giveaways, and kids' activities promise to expose area residents to many of the diverse green living options available!

This event will offer something for everyone. For more information call 763-767-6485 or visit our website [www.coonrapidsmn.gov](http://www.coonrapidsmn.gov).

## Entertainment:

*"The Adventures of Splish and Splash,"* a 20-minute interactive comedy in which Splish and Splash talk about water conservation and the hydrologic cycle.

*Tricia & The Toonies:* Environmental education show that shares timely and vital green information. All ages laugh and sing along while learning about resources, recycling and caring for the environment.

*ArtStart/ArtScraps:* ArtScraps is an innovative concept that combines waste management with art making! ArtScraps collects scraps, overstock, factory rejects, and other items normally destined for the landfill. This St. Paul based company will be on site to make an art project with you and your child.

*Paper bag art:* Volunteers will be on site to assist your creation of an environmental message painted on paper grocery bags. Stop by and make "paper bag art" that will be displayed in our City hall.

## SPEAKERS:

*Minnesota GreenStar* "Really – What is Green building?" Learn how to navigate through the process by using the principles and tools of Minnesota GreenStar. Learn what questions to ask to ensure your next project is as green as you desire.

*Earth Wizards:* "Smart Driveways and Landscapes"

Understand your property to properly utilize 'green' strategies for maximum benefit as it relates to their function, cost and overall aesthetics. Specific information will be provided about several types of permeable pavements, native planting areas, and rain gardens. This class will provide you with the information to walk away knowing what you want to pursue in 'greening' up your property and understanding the next steps in the process. The last portion of the class will be an open forum for you to meet with our design team – bring photos and any maps/surveys/aerial mappings of your yard.

*Powerfully Green:*

**"Phantom Loads: Reducing your carbon footprint"**

Focuses on electricity use, and what each of us can do to lower our carbon footprint by considering conservation, efficiency, and phantom loads. This session has interest for people of all ages and backgrounds because of both climate change and rising fuel costs. The speaker's family reduced their electricity use by 50% in less than a year, using the ideas from the presentation without a big financial investment.

**"Solar Power 101"** introduces homeowners to how solar energy technologies can be used to provide some or all of their energy from a renewable source. "Solar Power 101" goes over the two basic technologies for harnessing power from the sun, solar-electric/photovoltaic and solar-thermal. It is not an overly-technical presentation, and appropriate for anyone interested in solar power. Education is the first step to learning the best way to take advantage of solar energy.

**Anoka County Transportation Management Organization:** AC TMO helps local commuters and employers explore different choices in transportation such as carpooling, tele-working, transit, biking, walking, etc...the goal is to reduce congestion while helping to make commuting easier, healthier, and more enjoyable.

**Amazon Environmental Inc.:** The nation's leading recycler of leftover latex paint. Amazon's recycled content paint is comparable in quality to virgin paint sold by national manufacturers. Available in 12 pre-mixed colors, it carries both Green Seal and Master Painters Institute stamp of approval.

**Attic Armour LLC:** Learn how to save money by making small simple, inexpensive changes in your home. They will also address different types of insulation, and how this can be the next step in cutting energy costs for your home.

**Naturally Green:** Eco-friendly lawn care service safe for children and pets.

**Coon Creek Watershed:** "Each person's actions make a difference. And, like raindrops becoming a stream, many people doing small things makes a big difference. Learn some ways to help keep our waters clean and healthy; your actions at home make a difference!"

## **EXHIBITORS:**

**Fast and Furless:** The Midwest's first vegan storefront sells animal-friendly, eco-friendly, recycled-material, and sweatshop-free shoes, belts, wallets and bags.

**Earth Wizards:** A design-build firm that specializes in minimizing the impact of development on lakes and streams through the use of conventional and alternative pavements combined with sustainable landscapes.

**Window World and Siding:** Replacement and new-construction doors and windows, including energy-efficient windows and siding.

**Norwex:** Home cleaning products dedicated to radically reducing chemicals, helping the environment and eliminating waste. Norwex's products are environmentally friendly and non-toxic.

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**Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity ReStore:** Habitat ReStore is a building-materials outlet that accepts donations of new and gently used building materials that are then sold to the public at up to 75% off retail prices. Proceeds are used for Habitat for Humanity projects in the Twin Cities metro area.

**Minnesota GreenStar:** The premier green-building standard and certification program for new and existing homes to promote healthy, durable, high-performance homes.

***The Home Depot:*** Green building products, maintenance products and electrical products for your home, business and yard.

***Water and Energy Solutions Inc:*** They sell and install water- and energy-saving products such as showerheads, aerators, toilets and light bulbs.

***Kinetico (Aquarius Water Conditioning):*** Kinetico provides residential water-treatment solutions that reduce salt and water waste and minimize pollution. They offer a full line of plumbing products and services including tankless and high efficiency water heaters.

***LePage & Sons Waste Solutions:*** A full service waste solution provider, specializing in construction, demolition and roof recycling initiatives and market trends.

***Powerfully Green:*** Based in Champlin, Powerfully Green designs and installs solar-energy systems for homes and small business.

***Wal-Mart:*** Wal-Mart continues to work to lessen the company's impact on the Earth. It sells and promotes green products and vendors who make green improvements.

***Anoka County Solid Waste Department:*** Education about household hazardous waste, compost sites, bags, and home composting.

***Cub Foods:*** Learn how Cub recycles and saves energy at its store and how customers can make greener choices.

***CenterPoint Energy:*** Minnesota's largest natural gas utility offers conservation programs that lower energy use, reduce your carbon footprint and help run homes and businesses more efficiently.

***City of Coon Rapids Forestry:*** Information on tree care including insects, disease, and maintenance.

***City of Coon Rapids Recycling Center:*** Display of curbside and recycling-center options.

***Seat Yourself:*** Display of furniture made from recycled plastic.

***Attic Armour LLC:*** Attic insulation and ventilation to save on heating and cooling costs.

***Xcel Energy (Energy Resources):*** Conservation products and services including home audits, conservation programs and rates.

***Turn Style Consignment Stores:*** Local business dealing with consignment of clothing and furniture.

***Friends of the Mississippi:*** Friends of the Mississippi River is a leading organization working to protect and enhance the Mississippi River and its watershed in the Twin Cities area.

***U of M Extension Master Gardener:*** Ask a master gardener. Volunteers will be present to answer all your questions on gardening or weed control.

***Thousand Hills Cattle Co.:*** 100% grass fed beef. These cattle never receive growth hormones or antibiotics. Their Beef products have no MSG, no nitrates/nitrites and are gluten free.

**Mr. Michael Recycles Bicycles:** Learn how MMRB started and about the people they serve. This company creates new bikes out of old bikes and bike parts and donates them to the public. They also create one of a kind gifts and furniture out of left over bike parts.

**Coon Creek Watershed District:** Top 10 list of tips for clean water. Learn the history of the creek, land and watershed district.

**The Grass Fed Cattle Co.:** This company is a cooperative of local farmers that specialize in raising 100% grass fed cattle on free range with no added hormones or antibiotics. They serve the Twin Cities and surrounding areas by simplifying the process of buying high quality beef at a great value.

**Kiser Construction:** Construction company featuring LP Smart siding, Cool colors Owens Corning Roofing, EPS Sips panels with energy star, Cambria of MN green company.

**Quarve Contracting Inc.:** They install durable products by U.S. Seamless Steel Siding and Classic Metal Roofing. Completed projects are certified by Minnesota GreenStar.

**Jensen's Foods:** A family owned local grocery store that has been in business for 50 years. During the growing season they work with local farmers to bring fresh and seasonal produce to the store. They also carry natural and organic groceries, gluten free items, as well as ecologically friendly cleaning products.

**Connexus Energy:** Energy efficient programs for Connexus Energy members.

**Able Energy Co:** Able is a solar developer and installer serving Minnesota and Wisconsin. They provide site assessments as well as rebate/grant applications right down to the installment of electric solar panels.

**Naturally Green of Fridley:** An eco-friendly lawn care service that is non-toxic, safe for kids, pets and wildlife. There is no wait time to use your lawn after it is sprayed. A USDA Bio-Preferred Minnesota based company.

**Costco:** A Coon Rapids based store will share how their company has committed to running an energy efficient, sustainably smart business. They will also share some of the products they sell to help you lead a more sustainable lifestyle.

**Coon Rapids Mortgage assistance Foundation:** Learn about home improvement loans and down payment assistance programs to help finance your green projects!

**Get Active Coon Rapids:** Representatives of the Coon Rapids Parks Department will have information on the Cities parks and trails system. There will also be an opportunity to give feedback on the system.