

The Eco-Friendly Home

A new crop of green products to make your home—and the world around you—a healthier place

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Green is big. It's trendy. But, as most practitioners of green design will tell you, it also just makes sense. We've dug through the wealth of information on green living, talked to the pros and selected just a handful of the ideas out there, from cleaning products to furnishings—plus a few of the local resources that carry them—to help you go green with style.

GreenFloors in Fairfax became a resource for environmentally friendly flooring products in 1991, and for the past 16 years has been offering homeowners and designers alike sustainable flooring options from carpet tiles to cork and bamboo. The staff are specialists in environmental rating programs such as LEED certification. **3170 Draper Drive, (703) 352-8300**
www.greenfloors.com



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makes zero-VOC, Green Seal-certified interior paint. Its Earth's Color Collection is a grouping of 43 warm hues inspired by nature's palette. Samples are available as hand-painted, poster-sized swatches. Visit www.yolocolorhouse.com.



Neopolitan is the latest solid bamboo offering from Smith & Fong, makers of Plyboo and Durapalm flooring. Its striking two-tone design combines style with durability and sustainability. Visit the Web site www.plyboo.com.



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