

# Live Green in Plano

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EXPO 2009

FREE FAMILY EVENT!



**TURN TEXAS GREEN**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**  
**9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.**  
**PLANO CENTRE**  
**2000 E. SPRING CREEK PKWY.**

Join us as we “Turn Texas Green” at the *Live Green Expo*, presented by the cities of Plano, Allen and Richardson. A fun, family event helping North Texans make better decisions to lead healthier lives with less impact on our environment. Free to the public, the Expo will feature Ed Begley, Jr. as the keynote speaker and green building panelist. In addition, the Expo will include presentations on yard and garden, green building and green living topics; an Art Gallery; Food Alley; an Eco-Fashion Event; demonstrations; exhibitors offering a wide selection of products, services and information; and activities for youth and children. The *Live Green Expo* anticipates over 15,000 environmentally-motivated residents from throughout North Texas.

It's easy living green and it's simply the right thing to do. Learn about living green, and saving green, at this year's *Live Green Expo*. Visit [www.livegreenexpo.net](http://www.livegreenexpo.net) for more information.



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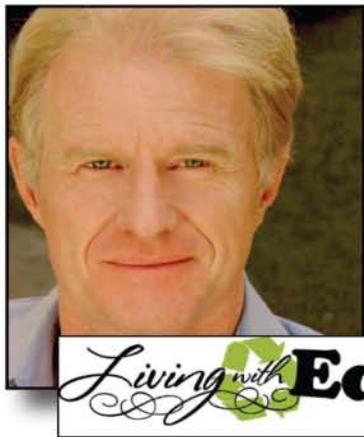
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## The ECONomics of Going Green with Ed Begley, Jr.

Ed Begley, Jr., environmentalist and star of the hit HGTV show “Living with Ed,” will present a step-by-step approach to green

living at the *Live Green Expo*. People will have an opportunity to ask questions and share stories with the celebrity throughout the day, while a keynote presentation detailing his personal journey into a greener lifestyle will headline the event.

An environmental activist long before celebrities started driving around in hybrids, Begley lives in a self-sufficient home powered by solar energy. He is a tireless leader in many ecological causes, from recycling to forest preservation.

“It’s wonderful to want solar and electric cars – I have both. But pick the low hanging fruit first; don’t get all ‘I have to do everything today’ or you’ll drive yourself crazy trying to build a whole system the way I did,” said Begley. “Do the common-sense approach that makes good business sense today: compact fluorescent lamps (CFL), energy-saving thermostat and good insulation.”



## Food Alley

Discover the benefits of shopping locally and purchasing organic! Food Alley will feature cooking demonstrations with a variety of notables, including restaurateur, Kent Rathbun. Abacus and his latest creation, Rathbun’s Blue Plate Kitchen are two of Dallas’s leading gastronomic

sensations. While busy opening restaurants, Rathbun managed to become a national celebrity winning the Food Network’s Iron Chef America with his Atlanta-based chef-brother Kevin. The Rathbun boys beat Iron Chef Bobby Flay.

Healthy and creative tastings from local growers and manufacturers will tantalize your taste buds, while local farmers will be on hand to answer questions about the benefits of organic food and how to shop for the best-tasting, most nutritious food for your family. From gourmet crackers to pasture-fed beef, from pure honey to the best in Texas wine.

Bon appétit!



## Get Your Hands Green: Volunteer!

Here’s the chance to have fun and help “Turn Texas Green.” More than 400 volunteers are needed to staff the *Live*

*Green Expo*. Ready to get involved? Here’s a wide-range of opportunities:

- Shuttle ambassadors and step-on tour guides offering previews of activities as buses deliver people from the remote parking to Plano Centre
- Staffing for children’s activity booths to help families with craft projects
- “Green-it Yourself” station facilitators to explain how to perform basic green household tasks such as adding weather stripping, making cleaners and beauty aids, and cleaning up a broken compact fluorescent lamp (CFL)
- Greeters to welcome the public, hand out programs and answer questions
- Staffing for educational booths to provide practical information on energy, water, litter and recycling

Select from any of four three-hour shifts to cover event set-up at 7:30 a.m. through clean-up at 6 p.m. Adults and youth age 14 and older are welcome to register at [www.livegreenexpo.net](http://www.livegreenexpo.net).

Benefits include meeting folks who share a common interest in the environment and learning what you can do to make a difference. This is a great opportunity to get involved and empower North Texans to live green by learning to improve energy efficiency, conserve water, reduce waste, garden the eco-friendly way, implement green building ideas in homes and improve air quality. Join the team and “Turn Texas Green!”

## Parking and Shuttle Service

DART is the official transportation provider for the *Live Green Expo*. DART will provide on-site shuttle service to the Plano Centre from the remote parking facilities at Collin College, along with free transportation to and from the Parker Rail Station. Residents of Irving will have a private shuttle service running all day from Irving to the Plano Centre. Call ahead to reserve a ticket on the Irving shuttle at (972) 721-2533.

## Human Pedal Power

Pedaling as fast as you can just to keep up? Discover how energy from pedaling a bicycle can power some of your electronics at home. Richardson Bike Mart has provided bikes which we've connected to trainers and power packs to generate electricity. Participants experience how the energy from their pedaling can produce enough power to light a lamp or watch television. Challenge yourself and put the pedal down to **POWER UP!** The **Human Pedal Power** booth is located at **Transportation Alley**.



## Garden Debris is Garden Gold

Is your yard work piling up? Let it! The Plano Master Composters will teach you how to build a successful compost pile. The **Compost Fair** gives you all the information you need – compost pile ingredients,

plus how to mix, moisten and manage your way to successful soil enrichment. Rotate through the composting stations and earn a compost bin to take home. Need a second bin? Buy one from us!

Worms are a garden's best friend when it comes to producing rich, fertile soil. Don't let the worms crawl in and the worms crawl out - put them to work! At the **Worm Composting** area, experts will show you how to use specialized red worms to compost your food waste. Worms produce rich castings to use as a soil amendment, and fertile soil means healthier plants. Learn to set up and maintain a worm bin, and to harvest and use the worm castings. Participants will receive a free bin while supplies last.

Don't like worms, but still want to compost food waste? At the Expo, we'll teach you how a biodigester works in your yard and let you take one home...hurry, it's while supplies last!

## Free Texas Pure Products

Visit the *Texas Pure* booth and receive a "show special" – a coupon for a FREE bag of *Texas Pure* compost.

Locally made for local soils, *Texas Pure* products amend tough clay soil for a healthier growing environment. Using topdressing, compost, soil blend, wood mulch and colorized mulch reduces watering needs, contributes to a more beautiful landscape and saves you money.

Bagged Texas Pure products will be available for sale at the *Live Green Expo*. For more information about product pricing, delivery and retail outlets, visit [www.texaspureproducts.com](http://www.texaspureproducts.com).

## Green It Yourself: Learn How!



Simple green ideas for your home will save you some green, too. Learn about perfect "do-it-yourself" projects through easy, interactive demonstrations. There are lots of quick ways to save money on energy and water costs, such as changing or installing weather stripping; installing low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators; reducing water in toilets with a toilet dam; installing a hot water heater blanket; making natural homemade cleaners, beauty products and laundry aids; and creating "repurposed" functional pieces from recycled materials.



## Let's Go Fly a Kite!

Here's your chance to harness Texas wind energy and soar! Enjoy our **Kite Fest** in several ways – it's your choice!

- Bring along your own kite to fly on the front field of the Plano Centre
- Purchase a kit and make a kite to fly during one of the scheduled workshops
- Purchase a kite that suits your fancy and fly to your heart's content
- Watch the maneuvers and antics of kite-flying experts on the Kite Flying Exhibition field

Many thanks to Wind Dancers Kite Club, Jewels of the Sky and DAKO (Dallas Area Kite Organization).

## Van Gogh? Go GREEN!

The *Live Green Expo* provides a unique setting to debut a special art exhibit featuring sustainable materials. Enjoy strolling through the Art Gallery located in the east wing of Plano Centre. Take a quiet moment to reflect on environmental messages communicated by area artists through different mediums and the use of recycled, reused or sustainable materials. You'll enjoy paintings, drawings, photography, collage assemblages, sculpture, ceramics and textiles. Some of the pieces will be available for purchase from the artists. The show will open during the *Live Green Expo* and continue at the Plano Centre through May.

# Site Map



## Going Green is Child's Play

Going green has never been more fun for children! Activities guaranteed to help children create, learn and play will be held in the four corners of the Main Exhibit Hall and outdoors on the front lawn inside the Children's Activities Tent. From art projects and games using recycled materials to live eco-performances and cooking in a solar powered oven – children can experience it all!

- Enjoy art and drama with Rover Dramawerks
- Hear earth-friendly tales brought to life by Ann Marie Newman, resident storyteller, Dallas Museum of Art
- View tricks performed by the Eco-magician
- Tour a recycling truck
- Ride a bike and generate electricity to light a lamp
- Make a worm composting bin or compost tea
- Go fly a kite!



Annie Oakleaf says,  
"Remember Your *Expo To Do List!*"

Get the most from your experience and don't forget to bring...





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## April

- 1 Kids in the Garden**, 3:30 to 5 p.m. (Wednesdays only, through May 20), Parkway Service Center, 4120 W. Plano Pkwy.
- 4 Electronics Recycling**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 3160 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. at Parker Rd.
- 18 Electronics Recycling**, 9 to 11 a.m., Elliott's Hardware, N.W. Corner of Park Blvd. and Coit Rd.

## May

- 2 Electronics Recycling**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 3160 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. at Parker Rd.
- 9 YardWise 1-4 Series**, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Parkway Service Center, 4120 W. Plano Pkwy.
- 14 Worm Composting**, 7 to 9 p.m., Parkway Service Center, 4120 W. Plano Pkwy.
- 16 Electronics Recycling**, 9 to 11 a.m., Elliott's Hardware, N.W. Corner of Park Blvd. and Coit Rd.
- 16 Compost 101**, 9 to 11 a.m., Parkway Service Center, 4120 W. Plano Pkwy.
- 16 Worm Composting for Families**, 1 to 3 p.m., Parkway Service Center, 4120 W. Plano Pkwy.
- 18 Learn Green to Live Green Series - Rain Water Harvesting: Every Drop Counts!**, 7 to 8 p.m., Davis Library, 7501-B Independence Pkwy.

## June

- 1 Hazards In Your Home**, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Training Room, Parkway Service Center, 4120 W. Plano Pkwy.

## June continued

- 6 Electronics Recycling**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 3160 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. at Parker Rd.
- 8 Ten Steps to an Energy Efficient Home**, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Training Room, Parkway Service Center, 4120 W. Plano Pkwy.
- 9 Worm Composting for Teens**, 3 to 4 p.m., Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd.
- 10 Worm Composting for Teens**, 3 to 4 p.m., Harrington Library, 1501 18th St.
- 11 Worm Composting for Teens**, 3 to 4 p.m., Parr Library, 6200 Windhaven Pkwy.
- 13 Home Energy Efficiency: Be Green, Save Green!**, 9 to 11 a.m., Plano Municipal Center, 1520 K Ave.
- 15 Breathe Easier: Ways to Improve Air Quality**, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Training Room, Parkway Service Center, 4120 W. Plano Pkwy.
- 16 Worm Composting for Teens**, 3 to 4 p.m., Davis Library, 7501-B Independence Pkwy.
- 20 Electronic Recycling**, 9 to 11 a.m., Elliott's Hardware, N.W. Corner of Park Blvd. and Coit Rd.
- 22 E-Waste: Toxic Trash and What You Can Do About It**, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Training Room, Parkway Service Center, 4120 W. Plano Pkwy.
- 24 Worm Composting for Teens**, 3 to 4 p.m., Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd.

### *Live Green in Plano Volunteer Training Series:*

- 4** Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m., Parkway Service Center, 4120 W. Plano Pkwy.
- 5** Friday, 7 to 9 p.m., Parkway Service Center, 4120 W. Plano Pkwy.
- 6** Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Parkway Service Center, 4120 W. Plano Pkwy.

**NO ELECTRONIC RECYCLING  
ON JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>.**

For more information, visit [www.livegreeninplano.com](http://www.livegreeninplano.com). All classes and presentations require RSVP. Most classes are free, but there is a nominal charge for some. Please call (972) 769-4130 to RSVP or check pricing.

## Spring Clean Your Neighborhood

With sunny days and warmer temperatures, Spring is the perfect time to get together with neighbors, church members or school friends to participate in a Community Cleanup. Groups simply select a date and time, as well as a park or creek for cleaning. Once everything has been planned, the group leader registers at [www.livegreeninplano.com](http://www.livegreeninplano.com). Go to the right column for the "Live Green in Plano" link, then

to the "Litter Prevention" link for information about community cleanups and online registration.

Once your registration is received, you will be contacted to coordinate your cleanup and assigned a time to collect an ample supply of clean trash bags, receive cleanup hints and learn how to dispose of the bags of litter. Community Cleanups can happen any day of the year and will be replacing the annual, one-day Great American Cleanup™.



# LAWN & GARDEN PRESENTATIONS

TIME	FEATURE	LOCATION
9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Sustainable Landscape Design Carrie Dubberley, Dubberley Landscape, Inc.	Lawn & Garden Tent
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	The Right Plants for North Texas Lynda Strain, LKS Garden Designs	Lawn & Garden Tent
11:15 a.m. – Noon	Liquid Compost Michael Bosco, Soils Alive	Lawn & Garden Tent
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Rainwater Harvesting Brad Ackerman, Kaufman County Master Gardener	Lawn & Garden Tent
3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Low Impact Pest Control Michael Merchant, PhD, Texas AgriLife Extension	Lawn & Garden Tent

## Introducing “Annie Oakleaf”



Congratulations to Greg Carpenter for suggesting the name of our newest green character, Annie Oakleaf. We received so many great suggestions! Thank you to everyone who participated in the contest.



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