



Check out our top tips and best buys for going green at home and in the garden



READER TREAT

Celebrate at the London Green Fair

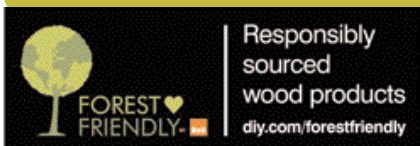
This free event, taking place from the 4th-5th June, succeeds the popular Camden Green Fair and it will share the ever-growing achievements and aspirations of England's capital. It will involve a serious and suggestive take on the environmental issues that affect Londoners. There will also be lots to see and do, including live music, a children's area, boutique clothes swap shop, fashion show, food and drink and a health village. Visit www.londongreenfair.org for more information.

Two lucky *Your Home* readers have the chance to win a free meal for two on either Saturday or Sunday from one of the fair's on-site caterers. For a chance to win, send your name and address to Your Home May London Green Fair Giveaway, The Tower, Phoenix Square, Colchester, Essex, CO4 9HU by 27th May 2011.

Feature Emma Foale

Let's buy responsibly...

B&Q is now the first major UK retailer to buy 100% responsibly sourced wood which is good news for green shoppers. B&Q is a founding partner of the FSC and its Forest Friendly campaign will hopefully encourage other retailers to follow suit and support a more sustainable future for the planet.



Dine in style and save the planet

We love the new stylish and sustainable homeware range from eco brand Ecology. The collection includes bakeware, glassware, kitchenware and utensils which are all made from eco-friendly materials and with recyclable packaging. The simple yet elegant textured, green leaf designs fit in with the natural and ethical philosophy of the company and would make a great addition to your kitchen this summer. You can find Ecology products at John Lewis, Selfridges and Fenwick, as well as leading cook shops.

Be a greener gardener

Handcrafted in the UK from 100% recycled tyres and inner tubes, this planter is a unique and practical piece for your garden. Not only will these planters display beautiful blooms in your garden throughout the summer months, they're also frost-proof and durable in order to prevent rot, making them great for all-year-round planting.

Recycled tyre planter, prices start from £20, www.love-eco.co.uk



Expert tip

This month, David Hunt, a director of Eco Environments gives us his top tip on why choosing solar panels and

creating renewable energy in our homes is an excellent investment...

Last year saw the introduction of the Government's Feed-in Tariffs (FITs) which pay you for all the energy you generate regardless of whether you use it or not. David says, 'There's a lot of buzz particularly around FITs in which customers are paid for every kilowatt hour of electricity their system produces irrespective of whether they use it or not, as well as being paid for electricity sold back to the Grid.' He also claims that 'a typical domestic installation will produce a saving of between £900 and £1,600 a year, index-linked and tax-free and guaranteed for 25 years.'

WEBSITE WATCH... www.plantforlife.info

Start taking some sustainable measures in your garden to make a stressful urban life more enjoyable. Plantforlife has teamed up with Channel 4's 'Landscape man' and garden designer Matthew Wilson, to create the 'Urban guide to the good life'. Check out this guide for advice on the best plants and green garden features. Visit the Plantforlife website for gardening advice and information including top tips on using hanging baskets.

