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Green Building Takes Nation... and Arizona.. By Storm

It seems like everywhere you turn, green is where it's at. From hybrid vehicles, to new "carbon footprint count" food packaging, there's no question that people are becoming much more aware of their impact on the Earth. In the world of real estate, this is no exception. Financial benefits, demand, and clean consciences have pushed builders to implement green products and practices more than half of the time in new home construction. But don't think that your older home can't be a part of the green revolution. An ASU graduate student, as a part of his masters program in Real Estate Design, recently renovated a 1960's Phoenix home to meet LEED-accredited standards, the first existing home to become LEED-accredited West of the Mississippi. If total home renovation is out of the question, green up your home in little ways, by using eco-friendly materials and products, or replacing



old appliances with new energy efficient models. Here are some upcoming events that can help you get started.

- A.K.A. Green Workshop: Does That House Come In Green? An overview of green real estate for buyers, sellers, and homeowners. 9/26 6:00 PM. Visit www.akagreen.com

- 2007 Green Building Expo: Two-day environmentally progressive showcase. 10/5-10/6 at Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. Visit www.greenbuildingexpo.com.

6 Green Alternatives to Household Chemicals

- Chrome Polish -> Apple Cider Vinegar
- Drain Cleaner -> 1/2 c. Baking Soda, 1/2 c. Vinegar, follow with 2 quarts Boiling Water. Repeat.
- Linoleum cleaner -> 1 c. White Vinegar + 2 gallons of Water
- Roach Repellent -> Chopped Bay Leaves and Cucumber Skins
- Carpet Cleaner -> Baking Soda
- Stain Remover -> Club Soda or Lemon Juice

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