

NRV GREEN MOB
Organizers of the
NRV GREEN HOME TOUR 2009

April 25th



Join us for the **3rd Annual Green Home Tour!** The tour of homes will be held on April 25th. This spring, you'll have the opportunity to take Open University classes that support the mission and philosophy of the Green Home Tour (GHT). Proceeds from the classes support the GHT.

Green Home Tour (GHT) Price Structure

Register for 3 GHT Classes - Free admission to the tour
Register for 2 GHT Classes - \$5 admission for the tour
Register for 1 GHT Class - \$10 admission for the tour
Home Tour Only (no classes) - \$15 admission for the tour

Green Home Tour

The self-guided tour will be held from 10am-5pm at houses throughout the New River Valley. It will feature area residences that are extremely energy efficient in their design and construction, utilize renewable energy systems, or utilize local building materials. There will be open house hosts and tour brochures. If you are taking 3 classes and the tour is free, please call 961-9622 to register for classes and to let us know you're coming!

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
4/25	Saturday	10am-5pm	Start at Y Center

Green Home Tour class Details on Reverse Side

For more information visit the YMCA at Virginia Tech (www.vtymca.org or 961-9622) or the Green MOB of the NRV (<http://nrvgreenmob.blogspot.com/>).

Energy Smart Landscaping

Smart choices and placement of plants and water can reduce heating and cooling requirements in your home, as well as create more comfortable use of your garden and yard. This course will present issues to consider as you renovate an existing landscape or plan a new home site, including plant choices, placement and proper planting, maintenance of your plant investment, rainwater harvesting, and rain gardens. Two sessions: one in Blacksburg, one in Floyd. \$10

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
3/19	Thursday	5:30-7:00pm	Y Center
3/21	Saturday	11am-12:30pm	Floyd - TBA

Green Construction: From Design to Clean Up

What should you consider when planning to build a green home? We'll look at everything from site and form to construction details and material usage, including minimizing waste and what to do with the leftovers. Ed Tuchler of Shelter Alternatives, Beth Lohman of DEQ, and Justin Boyle of Green Valley Builders will lead the workshop. \$20

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
3/23	Monday	6:00-9:00pm	Y Center

Build–Your–Own Rain Barrel Workshop

The Community Design Assistance Center and Virginia Cooperative Extension partner together again to offer the 4th regional Build-Your-Own Rain Barrel workshop. Participants will learn about watersheds, how local measures can make local and regional impacts, and what low impact development tools can be used on their property. Participants will engage in hands-on construction of a barrel they can then take with them to begin reducing runoff and utilizing rainwater at home. The cost is \$50 per barrel and includes all necessary supplies. It is suggested that participants bring work gloves and wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty. All other tools and supplies will be provided. Be sure the barrel will fit in your vehicle – approximate dimensions are 4' x 2' x 2'. \$10; plus \$50 supply fee for rain barrel to instructors at the class (cash or check only). Click link below for directions and map.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
4/4	Saturday	9:00-11:30am	Montgomery County Government Ctr.

Energy Efficiency and Your Home

In this workshop you'll learn about making your home healthier and more energy efficient. We'll cover what a Home Performance Assessments (aka Energy Audit), including the diagnostic tests that can be performed on your home to find problems. We will discuss solutions available to improve energy efficiency and indoor air quality, comfort, and durability of your home. Cecile Newcomb is Home Performance Director for Energy Check and a Certified HERS rater. \$10

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
3/30	Monday	6:30-8:00pm	Y Center

Rain Gardens: A Tool for Storm Water Management

Barry Robinson, Montgomery County Extension Agent for the Virginia Cooperative Extension and Kim Steika, Landscape Architecture Project Coordinator for the Community Design Assistance Center will demonstrate how rain gardens can serve as an effective tool for storm water management. Several examples from around Blacksburg will be discussed. Using material from the Virginia Department of Forestry's Technical Guide to Rain Gardens, the instructors will cover basic components for rain garden design and implementation for a small-scale rain garden in your back yard. \$20; includes a CD of the VDOF Technical Guide to Rain Gardens.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
4/17	Friday	3:30–5:00pm	Y Center