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Welcome to the Live Green Toronto Member News, your source of information for all things green - from how to live a greener life at work, home and in your community, to upcoming events and the latest membership card news. Check out <u>livegreentoronto.ca</u> for even more ways to live green.

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Introducing our newest membership card businesses!



We're pleased to welcome nine new businesses to the Live Green Toronto Membership Card program. Sign up for your free card today for great green deals at over 200 businesses, including these new members:

Let your food come to you

There's nothing worse than an empty fridge in the dead of winter. Instead of bundling up, pick up the phone and use your membership card to save at one of our <u>many home delivery companies</u>. Our members offer convenient delivery of fresh, organic fruits and vegetables with an emphasis on locally grown produce.

Good things grow in Ontario!

Even with snow on the ground, it's easy to cook up something nutritious using food from Ontario farms. Foodland Ontario makes it easy to understand what's seasonal with its availability guide, plus provides delicious recipes the whole family will love! Stores like our card's own Culinarium also offer



tantalizing gourmet snacks, preserves, cheeses, meats and more – all made from Ontario ingredients! <u>Use your card today to save 10%</u> on all regular priced food at Culinarium.

Green Grants, Events & More!

February 17: Celebrate National Sweater Day

On February 17, WWF—Canada invites you to join Canadians across the country in turning down your thermostat by 3 degrees and throwing on a quirky sweater to show your support for the planet. National Sweater Day is a fun and highly visible way to show your commitment to reducing energy use and keeping the planet cool. So, turn it down, wear a

At Home Organic Farms Help to grow your own vegetables

<u>Dunsire Gibson Inc.</u> Green construction advice

ECO Building Resource
Eco-friendly building supplies

Two Wheels Green Delivery Deliveries by bike

Grasshopper Solar Solar power systems

<u>HTO Water Technologies Inc.</u> Solutions to save water

<u>Segway of Ontario</u> Bike rentals, segways & walking tours

<u>SpaceCraft Solutions</u> Declutter = donate + recycle

The Carbon Neutral Shredding Company
Sustainable paper shredding

sweater, and help spread the word! Learn more about <u>WWF—Canada's National Sweater Day</u>.

Call for grant applications: Community Projects for Stormwater Management

Community groups and non-profit organizations are invited to apply for funding for projects which improve the management of stormwater in the city of Toronto.



Community-based projects such as those that involve rainwater harvesting, permeable pavement, renaturalization and related education and outreach are eligible for grants of up to \$25,000. Learn more about Live Green Toronto's CPSWM grants.

Application deadline: April 4, 2011.

Join us & save on the National Home

Canada's largest home show opens its doors on **February 18** at the Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place. Be sure to visit the City's Live Green Toronto Pavilion to meet some of our membership card businesses, get advice and learn about grants, rebates and more. Cardholders also save \$6 on regular adult admission. <u>Learn more</u>.



Every Tree Counts! at Canada Blooms

Join us at Canada Blooms, **March 16-20**, Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place at the City's feature garden (**FG 25**) – Every Tree Counts! Toronto's Urban Forest. Learn how to plant and care for trees, ways to recognize harmful pests, effective mulch and watering techniques, and so much more. Sign up for a free Live Green Toronto Membership Card to save \$4 on tickets. Learn more at <u>livegreencard.ca</u>.



Seedy Saturday - Green Up! Scarborough

Calling all gardeners! Get ready for spring at Scarborough's second annual Seedy Saturday. Buy and exchange heirloom and organic seeds, learn about bees, composting, native and spring plants, and more. Get hot tips from gardening gurus such as the Toronto Master Gardeners, the North American Native Plant Society and others. Kids will have fun, too, so bring them along! **March 12 from 12-4 pm.** Heron Park Recreation Centre, 292 Manse Road (at Lawrence Ave East). For more information, contact katie@ecospark.ca or call 416-691-5173.



Toronto named the most sustainable large city!

The City of Toronto is the most sustainable large city in Canada, according to Corporate Knights Magazine, which recently released its Most Sustainable Cities Ranking. This is the second year that Toronto has received this honour. Among other accolades, the City scored top marks for its leading Green Roof Bylaw and its aggressive plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 80 per cent by 2050. Other noted initiatives include Live Green Toronto and the City's high voter turnout in 2010. Read the full ranking.





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