

2010 EarthWays Center Public Tour Weekend Themes

Learn about low-cost, sustainable living options by taking a guided tour of the EarthWays Center – a Victorian home restored as a model of energy and resource efficiency. From repainting a room to rehabbing or building a new house – ideas abound! Tours are offered on the third full weekend of every month at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Each month's tours will focus on a different theme with particular attention given to that topic in addition to the general tour. No reservations are needed; however, groups of adults or youth require advance booking. Fee \$3/person and free for Garden members.

February 20 & 21, 2010

EarthWays Open House Public Tour Weekend: “Here Comes the Sun.”

Experts will be on hand to describe & demonstrate how solar energy works, and kids can take unique pictures using a film process known as cyanography. Visitors will be invited to discover small-scale renewable energy options for their home including current and future technology, local resources, and more.

March 20 & 21, 2010

EarthWays Open House Public Tour Weekend: “Down the Drain”

Learn why water conservation is so important and simple things you can do around your home, such as installing rain gardens and rain barrels. The unique features in the model bathroom will be on proud display, encouraging you to use the simple tips & techniques as well as an array of devices that are easy to install and operate; all focused on saving water and energy.

April 17 & 18, 2010

EarthWays Open House Public Tour Weekend: “Urban Renewal”

This open house will focus on the possibilities of recycling buildings and recycling neighborhoods, using the history of the EWC physical building as well as the Pulitzer “Urban Alchemy” exhibit.

May 15 & 16, 2010

EarthWays Open House Public Tour Weekend: “Right Plant, Right Place”

The students at Clyde Miller High School who have been working with the EarthWays Center's education programs will be on hand to address the importance of plants in and around your home. During this public tour weekend, you can learn more about both native plants in the outdoor landscape and indoor plants as they relate to Indoor Air Quality. May is also National Allergy/Asthma Awareness month, FYI!

June 19 & 20, 2010

EarthWays Open House Public Tour Weekend: “Green Homes Tour”

Stop by the EarthWays Center as one of your first stops on the annual Green Homes Tour! Every year, the EarthWays Center partners with the St Louis Homebuilders Association and US Green Building Council – St. Louis Regional Chapter to open green homes up for viewing. For more information, please visit www.greenhomesSTL.org.

July 17 & 18, 2010

EarthWays Open House Public Tour Weekend: “Learn Green, Live Green”

Join young students from Camp EarthWays: Young Green Builders who will be on hand to help with this open house, and will be able to show off their fantasy green home designs. Check out

the next generation's ideas and blueprints for the future! And don't be surprised if you get some great ideas to take home with you.

August 21 & 22, 2010

EarthWays Open House Public Tour Weekend: “Urban Homesteading”

This open house will highlight the “urban homesteading” movement, and show off all of the things everyone is doing in their personal life to move toward self-sufficiency. Are you interested in keeping bees? Raising chickens? Growing tomatoes? Preserving your veggies? See how it's possible to settle on an ordinary city lot in a sustainable way.

September 18 & 19, 2010

EarthWays Open House Public Tour Weekend: “A Sneak Peak at the Green Homes Festival”

This open house is a great opportunity to beat the crowd the weekend before the largest EarthWays event of the year. It's also a chance to learn more about a specific topic you have questions about and test run the children's activities! In addition to having hand-selected festival vendors and exhibitors on hand this weekend to demonstrate their goods & services, we'll also have several presenters give a workshop during this open house.

October 16 & 17, 2010

EarthWays Open House Public Tour Weekend: “A Fond Farewell”

This will be the last open house weekend at the current EarthWays Center location at 3617 Grandel Square. Join us as we look back over the years, discuss ways that the environmental movement in St. Louis has changed, and celebrate where we are headed in the future. If you've ever worked with the EarthWays Center in any way, either as a community partner, participant in one of our programs, affiliate with the green building sector, or MBG member, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect. If you've never been to visit the EarthWays Center, don't miss this chance!