

# Live An Eco-Friendly Lifestyle

(NAPSA)—Celebrities, politicians, designers and others are jumping on the “green” wagon to promote easy and stylish ways to complement their lifestyle and protect the Earth. Living green is the latest trend, and with so many manufacturers and retailers now offering environmentally friendly products and services, it is “in” to be green.

“Living an eco-friendly lifestyle has never been more important,” says Eva Yusa, also known as “Eva the Shopping Diva,” shopping expert and blogger for comparison shopping Web site ShopLocal.com. “With lower-emission cars, energy-saving homes and appliances and vintage clothing, consumers have multiple choices when it comes to making a difference.”

Incorporating green items into your everyday routine can be a smooth transition. However, the biggest challenge can be recognizing how and where to find Earth-saving savvy products while shopping. Eva offers these easy ways to go green:

## **Create Your Own Green Scene**

If you’re looking to refresh your home’s décor, check out manufacturers that use rapidly renewable resources in furniture, mattresses, flooring and beyond. Both aesthetically and environmentally pleasing, high-style green furniture features materials such as reclaimed plastic and nontoxic dyes and stains, which all help sustain the environment and produce little to no off-gassing in your home. In addition, there are a number of green, energy-saving appliances on the market to choose from to complete any kitchen or laundry space.

If you’re itching to add a little color to your walls, companies that produce low-VOC (volatile organic compound) paint offer a wide variety of shades and finishes that are sure to satisfy your decorating whims.



## **Stylish and Sustainable**

Eco-friendly fashion has come a long way from burlap tunics and hemp sandals. Nowadays, many clothing labels incorporate natural and recycled fibers such as organic cotton and silk produced without pesticides into trendy jeans, tees, dresses and lingerie.

Designers have even taken an environmentally friendly approach to accessories by using low-impact materials such as bamboo and other sustainable woods in everything from sunglasses to belts. You can search online to find designers and labels dedicated to keeping the world both fashionable and green.

Or go vintage with antique clothing, linens and accessories that can be purchased at second-hand or specialty stores.

## **Show Retailers Some Love**

Since shipping can have negative effects on the environment, you can take advantage of Web sites such as ShopLocal.com to find and compare bargain prices right in the neighborhood. Finding deals online first and then buying locally can help the environment by cutting down on the amount of gas used traveling from store to store in search of the perfect item.

For more information on what you can do to please Mother Earth, go to Eva’s blog at [www.ShopLocal.com/EvatheShoppingDivaBlog.fp](http://www.ShopLocal.com/EvatheShoppingDivaBlog.fp).