



The GREENLEAF

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Ecofest 2010



Ecofest 2010 is September 18th

Ecofest (*Eee-co Fest*) is Arlington's outdoor environmental festival that connects area residents with vendors of do-it-yourself (DIY) products.

Are you a green vendor that wants to connect with homeowners in North Texas?

Then join us for Ecofest 2010 at Levitt Pavilion. Visit www.EcofestArlington.com for more information. You can find out more about signing up as a vendor.

If you would like a poster to hang at your business or organization, please contact Tim Yatko at 817-459-6152

Got Facebook?

Join the Green Team online and become a fan of the page. We'll be posting interesting articles, videos, pictures and important updates.



Are you a member? We'll like your page if you like ours! Just don't poke us!



Dear Team, Eco Enthusiasts, Environmental Friends,

Green Team v2.0 is now live. We had our official launch of the program at the City Council meeting on June 22nd.

A special thanks to SafeHaven of Tarrant County, Bell Helicopter, Lincoln Square, Cowboy Stadium, and General Motors for committing to the new program and a higher level of commercial sustainability.

The Arlington [Green Team 2.0 program](#) description is now available through the Green Team [website](#). The program's intent is to take the focus of current & future members beyond solid waste reduction and recycling. As always, *your feedback on the program [Menu/Choices/Benefits](#) is appreciated.*

Tim Yatko

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Green Team – Relaunch June 22nd, 2010

Since 2008 the Green Team program has focused on solid waste and recycling. With the relaunch of the program, the focus of the program has been expanded to include energy efficiency, water conservation.



Green Team members that adopt the new standards in 2010 will be recognized for their efforts in special website profiles that will appear on the front page of the new Green Team webpage. To adopt the new standards: 1) review the Green Team Sustainability Menu 2) tabulate your level of Sustainability using the check list and 3) e-mail your result to Tim.Yatko@ArlingtonTx.gov



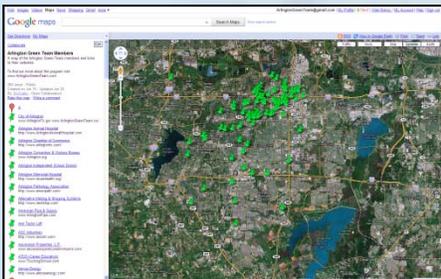
Our Members! On the Map

You can find a full list of our members and links to their websites at:

www.ArlingtonGreenTeam.com

Click on "Our Members"

To view the new Google map for a snapshot of Green Team, [click here](#).



Water Efficient Landscaping Takes Root at City Hall



The City's Parks and Water Departments recently teamed up to upgrade the landscaping at City Hall. The water efficient landscaping uses a mix of Texas

native plants to accent the building and conserve water resources. The City has plans to replace existing landscaping at the Central Library and the Municipal Office Tower this fall.

There will be a Green Breakfast to showcase the new landscaping once the



temperatures start to come down a bit.

Stay tuned for more details.



Green Team Upgrade Update #4 – Energy Star



Energy Star Portfolio Manager

The Energy Star Portfolio Manager is becoming an industry standard in energy tracking and reporting. With the portfolio manager organizations can keep track of both energy and water consumption. The data can be used to benchmark resource use and set goals for reduction.

The Portfolio Manager is a free program that you can access by visiting <https://www.energystar.gov/istar/pmpam/> or clicking [this link](#).

There are online tutorials, tip sheets on saving energy, and a chance to be nationally recognized for your building's energy reduction.



In addition to reporting recycling for the calendar year, Green Team members are asked to share their energy consumption/savings for the year. Individual numbers are kept confidential but are aggregated to promote the Green Team program and recruit new members to the Team.

The Green Team Program Choosing Commercial Sustainability

Because each organization has unique operating conditions, the menu is designed to offer choices. Some organizations do not want to achieve the highest tier but will do what they can, while other organizations will accept nothing but the top tier. Below is one possible scenario of membership.

The Bronze (entry level) Scenario:

Bob is a small business owner that wants to do his part for the environment, but has a budget that limits his ability to take on projects with upfront costs. After evaluating his company using the menu and the menu checklist, he sees that he has fallen short of the entry level by a few points. He makes the commitment to achieve at least the bronze level by following through on the following menu items:

Bronze Level (30 points)

- Tracking Waste, Recycling, & Energy
- Reaches 10% energy goal(1), lighting upgrade(1), education (1)
- Waste audit (1), 50% reduction (2), Education (2), Reduce paper consumption by 25%(1), no Styrofoam(2)
- Water education (1), reduce water consumption by 20% (2)
- Internal Green Team (3), Party celebrating victories (1)
- Take Clean Air North Texas Pledge(1), Install a bike rack/have an existing bike rack (1)

The Mayor's Green Youth Awards – 2011 Sponsors Needed!

Make a lasting impact on Arlington youth! Sponsor the 2011 Mayor's Green Youth Awards (GYA) Program. Contact 817-459-6587 for more information.

