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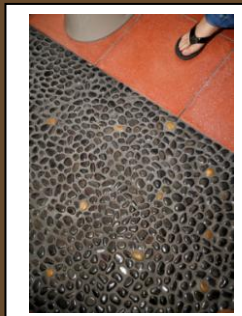
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Events

INDIGO's 2nd Anniversary Party!

If you don't already hate us for sending you so many e-vite reminders about our party, you'll just have to learn to love us. We are so grateful for our wonderful sponsors this year: Pais Realty, Pierson Montana Design & Build Services, Pure Energy Solar, The Sustainable Design Group, and The Waste Watcher. Come learn what your community is up to as we will have info tables from local businesses, organizations, and non-profits as well as 30-minute workshops on container gardening, worm farming, biodiesel and local & seasonal recipes. There will be tasty grub on hand from The Jones, Goddess Catering, EastEnd Eatery and Karma Cream (ice cream). And of course, bring the kids along as Magic Mike will be on hand to entertain and amuse. If that wasn't enough, the event's carbon footprint will also be offset thanks to Pure Energy Solar's portable solar generator, "The Tower of Power". So make a day of it and come down to our free celebration Saturday, June 6th from 12-4pm at INDIGO to help us celebrate the conclusion of our 2nd years in business and the start of our 3rd. One more thing: we need the rain, but no more rain dances until after our party, please.



Customer Spotlight! The Womble House

We wanted to take this month's Customer Spotlight to introduce you to a house that embodies the idea of sustainability. When first purchased by Jeff and Jill Womble over ten years ago, the house was literally a wreck. Abandoned by its owners, the house even had a tree growing through a hole in its roof. After years of rehabilitation and renovation, the house's final touches have been completed through the excellent work of Pierson Montana Design & Build Services. Together with the Wombles and Pierson Montana builder Chris Prugh, the staff at INDIGO helped select material for the project early on in the design stage. Featuring an lcestone concrete and glass countertop for their outdoor kitchen, Trinity glass and concrete flooring tiles with raised river stones in one bathroom, and a cobalt blue recycled content countertop from Alkemi the project ended with a grand house party. Nashville singer Jeff Black offered up a couple amazing sets of live music and a good time was had by all. Pictures courtesy of Rhonda Virden.

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 the work that they do to further the cause of green building and
 sustainability in our community.
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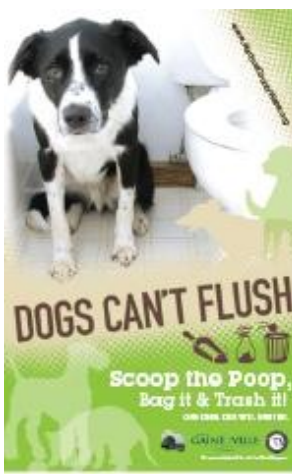
Metlund D'mand Recirculating Hot Water Pump

According to a study done in Building Green magazine in 2002 (www.buildinggreen.com), a typical gas-fired water heater delivers only about 43% of the input energy to the end user with 31% of that loss due to "standby loss" or the hot water sitting around in the pipes and the tank getting cold. The Metlund Hot Water D'mand System is an electronically controlled valve and pumping system that rapidly distributes hot water from the water heater to fixtures in a home or commercial building to mitigate these losses. This system can operate either with a return line or by the existing cold-water line. The Metlund System pumps cold tapwater back to the water heater and delivers hot water instead, saving otherwise wasted water and shortening the wait for hot water. Because it circulates the water only on demand, this system avoids the energy penalties of continuously circulating systems. What's more, the Metlund System can also be activated by either a low-voltage remote button or a motion sensor.

News:

Local: The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (EPD) won the People's Choice Award for two public service announcements encouraging people to pick up pet wastes at the National Nonpoint and Stormwater Outreach Conference in Portland, Oregon on May 13, 2009. "These public service announcements are a key element of Alachua County EPD's public outreach campaign designed to encourage citizens to scoop, bag, and trash pet wastes at home and around the community" said Chris Bird, Director of Alachua County EPD. Many of the creeks in Alachua County are listed as Impaired Waters by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, due to their high levels of fecal coliform bacteria. Pet waste is a known source of bacteria that can be reduced by simply changing behaviors. Click [here](#) for more info on pet waste and how it affects our waterways.

World: BUMMER Story of the Month: Global CO2 Emissions Predicted To Increase by 39%
The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is our governments' official energy prediction for the outlook of international energy markets through 2030. Although we will see significant increases in renewable energy production, the participation of Asian markets is the key to thwarting this grim outlook. See the article in treehugger [here](#). See the full EIA report [here](#).



And now a word from our NEWSLETTER sponsors:



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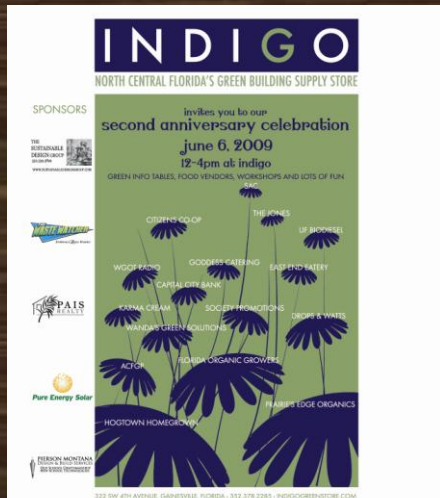
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INDIGO's 2nd Annual Anniversary Party
Saturday, June 6th 12-4pm
INDIGO 322 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville 378.2285
Cost: FREE!

It goes without saying that a business cannot survive without patrons, but an entire movement cannot survive without passion. To thank you for helping keep this movement of sustainability alive in our unique community we're inviting you to help celebrate INDIGO's 2nd birthday with us. Like last year, there will be tabling by local businesses, municipalities and non-profits, food from nearby restaurants, live music, kid's activities, and workshops on sustainable living.



Cistern Installation Workshop
Saturday, June 20th 10AM-12PM
INDIGO 322 SW 4th Ave, Gainesville 378.2285
Cost: FREE!

Cisterns are receptacles for holding liquids such as rainwater and are quickly experiencing a revival of sorts with the push to conserve water and grow our own food. Come to INDIGO and join Abundant Edible Landscapes as well as local citizens who have installed their own cisterns and learn more about our 1000-gallon rain-water harvesting system. The workshop is free but please RSVP to: educationdept@indigogreenstore.com to attend.

SALE!

10% Off Kohler Water Sense and Dual Flush Toilets Through June

If you flush your toilet these days you might be hearing the sound of money...leaving your wallet. The EPA estimates that by making just a few simple changes to use water more efficiently, you could save about \$170 per year. But if you have an EPA Water Sense certified 1.28 Gallons Per Flush (GPF) or a 1.6/0.8 GPF dual flush toilet, you could be saving every time you catch up on some reading on the throne. Buy a Kohler from INDIGO in June and get 10% off. Check out more information on one of the few companies that still make toilets in the USA (Wisconsin-made in fact) Kohler, right [here](#).

Integrated Pest Management

<http://indigogreenstore.com/green/blog1.php/2009/05/16/integrated-pest-management>

Locavore Wet Dream or Garish NYC Nightmare Waiting To Happen?

http://www.treehugger.com/files/2009/05/new-york-city-dragonfly-a-locavore-wet-dream.php?dcitc=daily_nl

President Obama Sets Strong Emission Standards For Cars

<http://www.lowimpactliving.com/blog/2009/05/19/gooooobama-president-sets-strong-emissions-rules/>

COMMUNITY EVENTS BELOW



GREEN TIP: Can Swimming Pools Be Green?

All pools can be green if you let them sit long enough (not that long at all in our swamp-like environment) like a science experiment. But can luxury items like pools be sustainable? They certainly can be better equipped to stave off evaporation and electricity use for heating and pumping. Here's some tips from greenbuildingadvisor.com for homeowners for existing pools:

- Consider installing a pool cover to limit evaporation.
- Use the smallest possible pump; most residential pools can get by with a 3/4-HP or smaller pump. An \$800 investment in an efficient pool pump could lower your monthly electric bills by \$65 to \$70 per month.
- All piping connected to the pool pump should be at least 2 inches in diameter. Pipe runs should avoid 90° elbows; instead, use gentler 45° elbows where necessary.
- Pool pumps should operate for only a few hours a day — ideally, 6 hours or fewer.

To read the full blog posting click [here](#).

Gainesville Green Drinks
 First Wednesday of Each Month 6-8pm
 Ti Amo, 12 SE 2nd Ave, Gainesville
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Gainesville Green Drinks will provide a meeting place for those interested in or involved with environmental issues to learn about one another's programs and how they might work together. Come share news about your green project, or something like you'd like to see here in the Greater Gainesville area. The meeting is open to anyone interested in environmental issues — bring your friends! We'll continue to meet the first Wednesday of each month at **Ti Amo**, 6 – 8 p.m.

PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

Contact: trishriley@gmail.com or jsteelethg@comcast.net or see www.gogreenalternatives.com

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