

bringing green home

ADD A LITTLE "ECO" TO EVERY ROOM OF YOUR ABODE WITH 944'S FAVORITE FINDS

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Everyone needs a little pampering now and then, and Mother Nature is no exception. In fact, she's long overdue after taking care of us lazy bums for so long. With Earth Day on April 22, what better time than now to treat the old gal by giving your household an all-natural facelift? Making a difference starts at home, and these fabulous eco-friendly products prove that you don't have to break the bank — or Mother Nature's back — to live in luxury.



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LEGNA ITALIAN WOOD FIBER SHEETS BY SDH

SDH believes being environmentally friendly shouldn't mean giving up style or quality. The wood pulp used to create these sheets comes from managed forests, which means harvesting regulations are enforced, and the sheets are manufactured without the use of bleaches, dyes or formaldehyde. So how does something like wood become soft as silk? Beats us — but if these sheets line your bed, you'll likely have a lot of company.

\$300-\$1,000

NANDINA HEAVENLY BAMBOO BATH TOWELS

These bath towels are made from 75 percent bamboo fiber and 25 percent organic cotton. The unique composition of the fiber makes the towels 50 percent more absorbent than regular cotton towels, and bamboo is naturally mildew resistant. What's more, the product is manufactured in a wind-powered facility and has met or exceeded the highest standards of organic certification testing. \$65



my organic house | www.myorganichouse.com (based in Carlsbad) | 760.494.7884

BIOBAGS

Regular plastic bags can take more than 100 years to even begin decomposition, and the chemicals used to make them are harsh on the environment. BioBags are made from agricultural raw materials and are 100 percent biodegradable. These trash bags begin decomposing after being exposed to the earth's elements and micro-organisms in the soil. On top of that, they're "breathable," which means less buildup of odor-causing bacteria and fewer times asking, "What smells?" \$5-\$6

FIRE & LIGHT DINNERWARE

Glass manufacturers consume massive amounts of energy and expel literally tons of carbon dioxide into the environment. Have no fear; chic items for the environmentally conscious are available from the Fire & Light collection. Sip your martini or wine from 100 percent recycled glass stemware or serve your next dinner party on their elegant plates — available in a rainbow of colors. \$11-\$59



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OSEA SKIN PRODUCTS

OK, so most beauty products are featured in 944's Image section, but we made an exception in this case in hopes you might want to stick a few Osea products in your bathroom. Most mainstream facial products contain chemicals that are not only detrimental to the earth, but also to our skin. Osea International has created a line that uses only the purest, finest natural marine-derived ingredients, doesn't test on animals, and is great for men and women. \$12-\$76

WICK'D BEAN CANDLES

Many candles on the market today are petroleum-based and contain lead wicks. Using them supports our dependency on oil and releases toxic emissions when burned that could potentially cause health problems. Candles from Wick'd Bean are made from domestically grown soy — a renewable resource — and burn longer than traditional candles. Choose from scents such as pomegranate, ginger pear, merlot & blackberries, or many other tantalizing aromas. \$2.50-\$18