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## **Live Green. Save Green. Start NOW! Live Green Expo Brings Green to North Texans**

The **Live Green Expo**, presented by the City of Plano, encourages North Texans to take full advantage of the event and start saving green right now. The Live Green Expo kicks off on Saturday, Apr. 17 at Plano Centre located at 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy in Plano. Event hours are extended this year and will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. with shuttle service available all day from the Collin College parking areas available at Jupiter Road and Spring Creek Parkway. As always, the event and parking are absolutely FREE!

Pre-register now and learn how to make a rain barrel. The **Rain Barrel Workshop** (available for Plano residents only) provides the opportunity to learn all about rain barrels and participants will take home their own 55-gallon rain barrel. The class is available at the Live Green Expo. Pre-registration is required and is easy to do online. There is a \$20 registration fee which includes instructions on how to make your own rain barrel and a 55-gallon rain barrel is yours to take home. To register, visit [www.livegreenexpo.net](http://www.livegreenexpo.net).

The **Live Green Expo** initiated a recycling collection for new and gently worn shoes for the people of Haiti using social media such as Facebook and Twitter. The "Shoes for Haiti" shoe collection created a flash mob on Facebook to catch the attention of potential donors and began its goal of healing with a sole. The largest one-day collection event will be at the **Live Green Expo**. Collection boxes will be located at all the shuttle stops in the parking areas at Collin College.

With 300 million pairs of shoes deposited in America's landfills each year, the "Shoes for Haiti" campaign brings awareness to the concept "Recycle, Re-Use and Repurpose," which benefits the people of Haiti and the environment. The "Shoes for Haiti" campaign is sponsored by the **Live Green Expo**, a free event attended by more than 15,000 North Texans annually. For more information on "Shoes for Haiti," visit [www.livegreenexpo.info](http://www.livegreenexpo.info).

Be sure to bring your plastic shopping bags to the Live Green Expo and exchange them for a FREE reusable bag at the "Got Your Bags?" booth in the DIY Room. Recycling plastic shopping bags is good for the environment, reduces landfill waste and the material is used to make things such as lumber for park benches and playground equipment. Don't forget to pledge to remember your reusable bag when you shop and always recycle plastic shopping bags at your local retailer.

Learn a few simple actions to save green while reducing your carbon (environmental) footprint. In the DIY Room you will receive a free compact florescent lamp (CFL) to get started, plus learn additional ways to green your home.

For more information about the Live Green Expo, visit [livegreenexpo.net](http://livegreenexpo.net).

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