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## FREE TREES AVAILABLE AT CITY'S FOURTH ANNUAL GREEN FESTIVAL

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – As the proverb goes, “The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is now.” Glendale residents will have a free opportunity to follow-up on that advice by attending the headline workshop at this year’s Glendale Green Festival Saturday, March 26.

Glendale residents will receive a free tree and non-residents will receive a nursery discount coupon when they attend the Tree Care Workshop at the city’s fourth annual Green Festival. The festival will be held noon to 4 p.m. at the Glendale Public Library and surrounding Xeriscape Demonstration Garden at 5959 W. Brown Street.

The free family festival focuses on water and energy efficiency, recycling, gardening, alternative modes of transportation and other green-living practices. In addition to demonstrations and booths – including the Family Zone powered by Radio Disney’s Team Green – the festival includes the following workshops.

### **Tree Care Workshop**

*Presented by Arizona Community Tree Council*

*Starts at 10 a.m. and again at 11 a.m.*

Focuses on planting and caring for trees. Giveaways will be presented at the end of the course. Attendees must register in advance by calling 623-930-3760.

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**Green Festival**  
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**Backyard Composting**

*Presented by Valley Permaculture Alliance*

*12:15 p.m.*

Plants and gardens thrive on composting. Compost not only provides a source of slow-release organic fertilizer, it also boosts the community of microorganisms that improve water retention and help keep plants healthy. Those who compost can reduce what they send to the landfill by up to 40 percent. This class teaches composting basics for any type of urban backyard setting.

**How to build a Solar Oven**

*Presented by Valley Permaculture Alliance*

*1:30 p.m.*

Learn to build a solar oven/cooker from inexpensive and/or reusable materials. Cook food with natural and renewable solar power, and keep your kitchen cooler during the summer. This innovative class teaches how to build a solar oven/cooker and how to prepare foods.

**Herb Gardens for the Desert**

*Presented by Valley Permaculture Alliance*

*2:45 p.m.*

An herb garden is a great way to ease into edible gardens. Herbs do well in the Arizona heat. This class will discuss herb gardens for all seasons, what to plant for what purpose, propagation methods, harvesting and storage. Herbs have several purposes in addition to use in cooking. Learn where to plant and how to put together a simple yet highly productive container garden.

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**Green Festival**  
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**Energy Efficiency for Green Living**

*Presented by Glendale Environmental Resources Department*

*Start times are 12:15, 1:00, 1:45, and 2:30 p.m.*

Learn simple strategies for cutting your energy costs and consumption. Find out how programmable thermostats, CFL bulbs, and high efficiency shower heads can help. Best yet, Glendale residents who complete the class will receive free energy-saving devices paid for by an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

Other activities at the Green Festival include:

- **The Family Zone, powered by Radio Disney 's Team Green.** Little ones can learn about simple ways to help their families go green, make eco-friendly arts and crafts, and sing and dance along with Team Green.
- **A Green Zone.** Booths and displays will be featured from more than two dozen local agencies and businesses that help take the guess work out of living a greener lifestyle.
- **My Green Glendale photo and art contests.** Entries in the children's bookmark design contest and the photo contest for adults and teens will be on display during the festival where they can be voted on by festival attendees from noon to 2:30 p.m. Winners will be announced March 29.

For more information about workshop registration and the entire Glendale Green Festival, call 623-930-3535 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/green](http://www.glendaleaz.com/green).

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**Festival2 Caption:** *Wayne Drop promotes water conservation for the city of Glendale at the 2010 Green Festival*

**Festival3 Caption:** *2010 attendees learn about green services provided by city of Glendale departments. More than two dozen booths will be featured at the 2011 event.*