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## Home, Green Home

Eco-friendly gadgets for every room in your house. **By Rachel Shatto**

The list of things you need to do to "go green" can feel endless—from recycling bottles to planting a victory garden, to ditching your favorite products in protest of unsustainable business practices. So, it's understandable that, despite the best intentions, going green feels daunting. But the best way to ease into an eco-warrior lifestyle is to start at home. Here are nine gadgets and luxury items, all of which were featured in this year's Green Products Expo, to green every room in your happy, healthier, and Earth-friendly abode.



**1 Clearing the Air**  
When greening your home it's easy to overlook the big, but don't miss this opportunity to bid adieu to wasted energy—and unnecessarily burning fossil fuels—with the WhisperGreen-Lite ventilation fan. What's so exciting about a bathroom fan? Well, for one thing, it is 702 percent more energy efficient than ENERGY STAR standards—and when are you ever going to be able to claim a success rate like that? (\$413, parasanic.com)

**2 Chemical-free Cleaning**  
Creepy crawlies get you down? You're not alone, as the winter faces a bed bug epidemic. Fortunately there's another option besides bombing your house with toxic chemicals: The Innova CleanWave Sanitizing Disinfecting vacuum. By utilizing an ultra-powerful UV light it kills bed bugs and their eggs. For those without invading insects, the UV light also does a serious number on 99 percent of viruses, bacteria, mold and allergens. (\$400, wrkna.com)



**3 Eco-Massage**  
Fighting for the planet can be a stressful enterprise and sometimes you need to take a moment out for yourself. Nothing beats 20 minutes on a Spoonk Eco-Accessories Massage Mat. Made with 100 percent certified organic hemp, the mat features a plant-based foam and hemp casing in natural dyed colors. De-stress and sleep better knowing you've taken steps to take care of yourself—and Mother Earth. (\$20, spoonk.com)

**4 A Steamy Solution**  
Why use water-polluting chemicals to clean your hard surface floors when the best tool for the job is good old-fashioned H2O? Reliable's Steamboy T2 eliminates the need for both cleaning products and wasteful disposable mop pads. By utilizing steam at up to 245 degrees, it cleans and sanitizes better, too. Give those germ, water supply poisoning mops and chemicals the boot. (\$149, reliablecorporation.com)



**5 No More Plastic Bottles**  
Ask any environmentalist: plastic bottles have got to go. These petroleum-based containers fill up our landfills and pollute our waters—and that's just the tip of the polymer iceberg. Which is why the SodaStream's ability to turn ordinary tap water into soda is second to a welcome alternative. With a variety of (corn syrup-free) flavors, not to mention fruit juice and flower essences—the possibilities for carbonated delights are endless (our low-cal suggestion: fizzy Crystal Light, yum, \$80 and up, sodastreamusa.com)



**6 Composter's Little Helper**  
Composting can be a stinky business, but with Full Circle's Herbie Fresh Air, collecting compost becomes an odor-free endeavor. By utilizing a patented vent-flame design, it's able to prevent anaerobic decomposition, which is what causes the odor that attracts flies. Plus the Full Circle tradition of stylish and sustainable design makes it the perfect addition to any green kitchen. (\$36, fullcirclehome.com)

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