

# Easy Tips For An Eco-kind, Budget-friendly home



*Eco-friendly retractable awnings help heat and cool your home efficiently — and they protect you from harmful UV rays.*

(ARA) - Going green is one trend that continues to grow, helping to keep our environment healthy. And in a tough economy, taking eco-friendly steps at home can also be a way to save some money. If you are interested in being more energy efficient and want to reduce waste at your house, you'll be happy to know it's easier than you think.

"One of the most cost-effective, low eco-impact ways to save money is to use retractable shade around your home," says Ido Eilam at SunSetter Retractable Awnings. "Utilizing the cooling aspects of shade and the heating aspects of the sun, when applicable, can be an easy way to save money on home energy bills."

Here are some ideas on how to integrate this concept into your home life:

## Reduce Your Carbon Footprint With A Retractable Awning.

Some awnings attach directly on the house and are quick and easy to open and close. Not only do these retractable awnings keep you comfortable and protect you from harmful UV rays, they also help you heat and cool a home more efficiently. During the summer, less sunlight will come into the home, so the AC doesn't have to run as hard. In the winter, the awning can be stored outside in its closed position to let the natural sunlight in to heat the home. Your energy bills can be lowered throughout the year.

Hot weather during the summer months can drive people indoors fast, but if you have an awning (free-standing or wall mounted), you can enjoy temperatures up to 20 degrees cooler than those in the sun. Awnings provide a relaxing, comfortable place for you to enjoy your backyard, and because you are spending more time outdoors, you can turn down the air conditioning inside, helping to lower your bills and the pollution you put into the atmosphere.

## Consider Planting Trees, Shrubbery And A Garden.

Trees, grass and other green plants take in carbon dioxide and release oxygen, helping to keep our air clean. This is a natural way to be an eco-friendly homeowner, plus you'll add appeal with the visual allure of landscaping.

Doing a little research and finding plants that thrive in your climate without a lot of water will allow for lower maintenance and conservation of water resources. Different types of trees can do this and keep your home cool, protecting it from the hot rays of the sun. Ask your local nursery what tree species they suggest.

Another idea to consider is planting your own organic container garden. These plants will help clean the air and you'll also get fresh fruits and vegetables you can eat, helping to lower your grocery bill. ■  
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AREA	PRICE	DAY/TIMES	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	LISTED BY	AGENT	PHONE
Crossgates	\$154,500	Sun 2:00-4:00	3713 Dewlawn Dr.	4 brms, 2 car, cul-de-sac, move in ready	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Anna Marie Wong	419-356-2829
East Toledo	\$59,900	Sun 1-2	1315 E. Broadway	3 brms, new appliances, remodeled, just move in	Re/Max Preferred	Frank Smith	419-206-1188
E. Toledo	\$75,000	Sunday 1:00-4:00	218 Midvale	2 brm ranch w/newer kitchen	Welles Bowen Realtors	Dee Cottrell	419-360-8001
Franklin Park	\$149,900	Sun 2:00-4:00	3946 Londonderry	3 brm, 2 bath ranch, immaculate w/open floor plan	Welles Bowen Realtors	Ginny Meeker	419-350-3805
Genoa	\$118,000	Sunday 2:00-3:30	201 Rose	2 brm condo with 2 full baths	Welles Bowen Realtors	Deb Olinger	419-351-3533
Heatherdowns	\$106,900	Sun 12:00-1:30	4720 Glendale #208	Wyndham Place condo #208, 2 brm, 2 bath	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Terry Lynn Golden	419-297-8374
Heatherdowns	\$159,800	Sun 1-3	2118 Thornapple	Super 3 brm brick ranch	Re/Max Preferred	Sharon Kowalski	419-277-4125
Historic Old West End	\$81,777	Saturday 12-2	2740 Robinwood	Hardwood floors, 3 season porch, leaded windows, clean & well loved	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Judy Stone, ABR, ePro	419-241-1717
Holland	\$649,999	Open Sun., 2-4pm	516 Pinella Point	Stone Oak, on the water, 7000 sqft.. Spectacular 5 brm home!	By Owner		419-867-8948
Holland	\$169,900	Sat-Sun, 1-5pm	Village of Plum Grove	Off Dorr, 1/2 mile west of McCord	Eagle Creek Builders		419-861-1522
Holland	\$169,900	Sat-Sun, 1-5pm	Villas at Wingate Meadows	Off Nebraska, 1/2 miles west of McCord	Eagle Creek Builders		419-865-4128
Holland	\$314,900	Sunday 6/14/09, 12-2 pm	8960 Rolling Hill Rd., Holland	Stone Oak 4 brm, 3.5 bath	RE/MAX Masters	Jon Modene	419-874-1188
Holland	\$189,900	Sun 2-4	738 S. Centennial	Immaculate 3 brm, 2 bath home on 1 acre w/deck & fenced yard	Re/Max Preferred	Barb Waite-Shenk	419-270-6049
Lake Erie Shore	\$124,900	Open Sat-Sun. 12-4	25 Miles E. of Toledo on Rt. 2	Waterfront 3 brm, 2 full bath, all amenities	www.GreenCoveVillas.com	Dave Laster	419-898-3398
Lake Seneca	\$189,900	Sunday 2:00-4:00	496 Seneca Dr.	Price reduced! New home on Lake-3 brm, 2 bath, full bsmt	Coldwell Banker Classic Properties	Patty Fireovid	419-799-1071
Lake Seneca	\$239,000	Sunday 2:00-4:00	284 Seneca Dr.	Immaculate Lakelake Home 4 brm/2.5 baths, 130 ft of Sandy Beach	Coldwell Banker Classic Properties	Stu Short	419-212-1985
Lambertville, MI	\$259,900	Open Sun., 2-4pm	3345 Quail Hollow Dr.	Beautiful 3 brm great rm. ranch, vaulted ceilings, 3.5 bath, sunroom, 2260 sqft.	By Owner		419-376-4528
Lasalle, MI	\$109,000	Open Sun. 1-3	12091 North Shores Blvd.	Lakeview, 3 brm, new carpeting throughout, owner says "make us an offer".	Coldwell Banker Haynes	Donna Overmyer	734-242-8484
Maumee	\$359,900	1:00-4:00	7652 Indian Springs	4 brm, 2.5 bath, must see!	Welles Bowen Realtors	Laura McIntyre	419-265-7000
Maumee	\$138,900	Open Sunday, 1-3pm	620 Southfield	3 brm, 2 bath, 1 story, over 1600 sqft., 2 car garage. Seller will assist!	Juscot Realty	Scott Sutter	419-917-9367
Maumee	\$550,000	Sun 2:00-4:00	3305 Strayer	4 brm, 4.5 bath, pool, fabulous!	Welles Bowen Realtors	Penny Kice	419-466-4034
North Sylvania	\$164,900	Sun 2:30-5:00	6425 Madison Cove	Condo in Sylvania	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Marybeth Norris	419-367-0622
Northwood	\$115,000	Sunday 2:00-4:00	203 Wilson	3 brm w/natural woodwork, 3 lots	Welles Bowen Realtors	Brenda Haddad	419-870-3155
Oregon	\$212,736	Sunday 2:00-4:00	5040 Merlot	New construction	Welles Bowen Realtors	Lynn Olinger	419-270-3533

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Oregon	\$109,000	Sunday 12:00-1:30	6803 Seaman	3 brm on 3/4 acres	Welles Bowen Realtors	Deb Olinger	419-351-3533
Ottawa Hills	\$575,000	Open Sun., 2-4pm	2451 Edgehill	5 brm, 4+ bath. 2 acre estate. Berman additions!	Effler/Schmitt Co.	Daniel Effler	419-537-1113
Ottawa Hills	\$649,000	Open Sun., 2-4pm	2550 Westchester	6 brm, 3+ bath. Granite kitchen. Estate setting!	Effler/Schmitt Co.	David Effler	419-537-1113
Ottawa Hills	\$239,900	Open Sun., 2-4pm	4333 Brittany	4 brm, 2 bath. New renovations. Open plan!	Effler/Schmitt Co.	Sue Smith	419-537-1113
Ottawa Hills	\$499,000	Open Sun. 2-4pm	16 Exmoor	3 brm, 3+ bath. Exquisitely renovated!	Effler/Schmitt Co.	Pam Hanley	419-537-1113
Ottawa Hills	\$419,000	Open Sun., 2-4pm	2924 Secretariat	4 brm, 2+ bath. Near Wildwood Metropark!	Effler/Schmitt Co.	Wendy Wesselmann	419-537-1113
Ottawa Hills	\$179,900	1:00-4:00	3304 Pelham	3 brm, 1.5 bath, all appliances stay!	Welles Bowen Realtors	Diane Tolson-Kelley	419-346-2361
Ottawa Hills	\$294,000	Sun 1:00-4:00	2849 Falmouth	Contemporary Ottawa Hills Home	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Jim Franks	419-464-8003
Perrysburg	\$249,900	2:30-4:30	825 Ashbury	4 brm, 2.5 bath, lg attached finished shed/workshop	Welles Bowen Realtors	John Zimmerman	419-265-2222
Perrysburg	\$172,000	1:00-2:30	131 Foxhill Ln.	4 brm, 2.5 bath, this home is a must see!	Welles Bowen Realtors	Yvonne Johnson	419-789-7231
Perrysburg, OH	\$184,900	Sun. 1-3	1773 Eaglecrest Rd.	3 brm, 2 bath Ranch, www.foresalebyowner.com By Owner		419-874-0548	
Perrysburg	\$228,500	12:00-2:00	25163 Saddlehorn	3 brm ranch, 2.5 bath, 3 car garage, 3 season sunroom, MINT CONDITION	RE/MAX Central Group	Gerri Walczak	419-261-7362
Perrysburg	\$449,000	Sunday 1:30 to 3:30	14530 Ovitt	4 brm all brick on 5.5 acres	Key Realty	John F. Kevern	419-261-1233
Perrysburg	\$244,900	Sunday 6/14/09, 12-2 pm	27008 Cranden	3 brms, 2 full/2 half baths	RE/MAX Masters	Jon Modene	419-874-1188
Perrysburg	\$120,000	Sunday 12-1:30 pm	836 Cherry	Choice location, beautiful lot w/guest house	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Deborah Poszik	419-349-6287
Perrysburg	\$209,900	Sunday 1-3 pm	9525 Sheffield	NEW PRICE! 4 brm, 2.5 bath, finished bsmt, many upgrades!	RE/MAX Masters	Brian Zientek	419-704-3594
Perrysburg	\$355,000	Sun 1-3	30571 E. River Rd.	Waterfront property w/ a great view	Re/Max Preferred Associates	Mike Welch	419-283-7003
Perrysburg	\$39,900	Sun 1:00-4:00	27696 Oregon #197	Remodeled & better than new	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Joyce Tapley	419-345-8513
Perrysburg	\$274,900	Sun 3-5 pm	26686 Mohawk	Open floor plan, large lot, outside living space	Re/Max Executive	Pam Aubry	419-874-2975
Perrysburg	\$249,900	Sun 2-4	244 W. Front	3 brms, 1.5 baths, view of Maumee River	Re/Max Preferred	Judy Gorun	419-283-9654
Perrysburg	\$274,500	12:00-2:00	1237 Timberbrook	4, 5 or 6 brm, 2 full and 2 half baths	Welles Bowen Realtors	John Zimmerman	419-265-2222
Point Place	\$99,900	6/14 from 1-3 pm	2366 Ottawa River	Waterfront 3 brm 2 bath, bsmt, 3 car garage, updated kitchen & windows	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Karen Kelley	419-346-2303
Point Place	\$119,900	Sunday 2-4	2308 Torgler Dr.	Shoreland brick ranch, 3 brm, 2 bath, family room, move-in condition	K P Premier Realty	Chuck Hyndman	419-350-8284
Point Place	\$94,900	Sun 2-4	2515 Melva Court	Great quad-level on cul-de-sac	Re/Max Preferred	Elinda Ewing	419-283-6033
Reynolds Corners	\$79,900	Sun 2:00-4:00	1930 Rivard	C/A, bsmt, hardwood floors, garage, shed, one owner	Welles Bowen Realtors	Jane Bretl	419-250-4039
Rossford	\$88,350	Sunday 2-4	115 Windsor	Bank owned opportunity \$ 2 story, 3 brm, bsmt, garage, many updates	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Bob McIntosh	419-693-7383
Rossford	\$129,900	Sun 3:00-4:30	111 Rosedale Place	3 brm, 2 bath brick ranch, 2 car, possession at closing	Welles Bowen Realtors	Claire Browning	419-215-7929
South Toledo	\$229,000	1:00-3:00	1632 Fallbrook Rd.	4 brm, 2 bath, super location on cul-de-sac!	Welles Bowen Realtors	Shelby Myerholtz	419-877-0464
South Toledo	\$139,500	Sunday 1:00-3:00	2940 Broadway	Drastic reduction-4 brm, 2 bath, gorgeous River View	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Rob Ludeman	419-290-0201
South Toledo	\$129,900	Sunday June 14, 2:00-4:00	3226 Ravenswood Blvd	3 brm, new windows, updated kitchen, double lot!	Oak Valley	Nancy Bloom	419-350-7894
South Toledo	\$229,900	Sunday 2:00-4:00	3444 River Rd.	Many upgrades! Granite, hardwood, new roof	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Bill Kepp	419-290-3030
South Toledo	\$80,000	Sun 2:00-4:00	317 Decatur	Gorgeous 3 brm, 1.5 bath, w/loads of character!	Welles Bowen Realtors	Shirley Williams	419-360-1555
South Toledo	\$79,900	Sun 1:00-4:00	1240 Glenview	Reduced! Brick full basement	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Phil Barlie	419-944-6073
South Toledo	\$159,900	Sun 2:00-4:00	2207 Greenlawn	Maumee Schools, beautiful home!	Welles Bowen Realtors	Roula Manton	419-410-4208
South Toledo	\$139,000	Sun 1:00-4:00	3738 Heatherbrook	Beautiful brick home in Beverly Hills!	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Brian Shartzler	419-283-8367
South Toledo	\$84,500	Sun 2-4 pm	4522 Oak Creek Lane	3 brm, 2 1/2 bath brick ranch w/master suite, in-ground pool, 2 car attached	Whittington Group Realty	Alma Dortch-Gilbert	419-297-2301
Springfield	\$289,900	Sun 1-3	7418 Blue Spruce	Beautiful waterfront location!	Re/Max Preferred	Sara (Dusty) Foreman	419-356-3097
Spring Meadows	\$154,900	Sun 2:00-4:00	2155 The Bluffs	Gorgeous 8 rm condo w/attached 2 car garage & bsmt!	Welles Bowen Realtors	Todd Cermak	419-351-8894
Sylvania	\$269,500	2:00-4:00	7042 Apple Creek	4 brm, 3.5 bath, "A realtors dream"	Welles Bowen Realtors	Bob Wanless	419-277-7312
Sylvania	\$119,900	Sunday 6/14/09, 12-2 pm	5114 Spring, Sylvania, Ohio	Wonderful 3 brm brick ranch w/bsmt, large yard!	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Doug Kwiatkowski	419-216-5634
Sylvania	\$207,500	Sun 6/14/09, 2:30-4:30 pm	7717 Hickory Grove	4 brm, 2.5 bath	RE/Max Masters	Jon Modene	419-874-1188
Sylvania Township	\$124,500	Sunday 6/14/09, 2 to 4 pm	3128 Elmont Road	Sylvania Schools, 3 brms, 2 fireplace, Amazing large yard	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Debbie Katich	419-290-0436
Sylvania Twp.	\$265,000	Sun 1-3	2331 Gibley Park	4 brms, 2.5 baths, park like setting, huge master suite	Re/Max Preferred	Cindi Kurtz	419-392-1000
Tremainsville	\$87,900	Sun 1:00-3:00	4128 Crary Dr.	Brick bungalow, 2 brm, garage	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Ginger Hoover	419-536-0011
Tremainsville	\$84,900	Sun 2:00-4:00	2711 Eldora	3 brm, family room, double lot	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Ann Mahon	419-461-4587
Tremainsville	\$119,900	Sunday 2-4 pm	2844 E. Glenn	Darling 3 brm w/4 seasons sun room, Washington Local	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Miriam Simon	419-461-4444
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Washington Local	\$129,900	Sun 2:00-4:00	5323 Elaine Dr.	4 brms, 2 baths, 1st open	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Roger Davidson	419-797-5913
Waterville	\$164,900	1:00-3:00	5937 Arrowhead	3 brm, 1.5 bath, beautiful new carpet!	Welles Bowen Realtors	Susan Langendorfer	419-283-7200
Wauseon	\$109,900	Sun 12:00-2:00	635 3rd Street	Great landscaping, great location	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Steve Wilburn	419-270-4314
Westgate	\$119,900	Sun 2:00-4:00	3413 Chellenham Rd.	"Nice" kitchen, master, living room & wood floors	DiSalle Real Estate Co.	Terry Lynn Golden	419-297-8374
West	\$79,777	Saturday 11-1	4212 Templar	Charming 2 brm, 1 bath, full basement, large fenced yard, garage	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Judy Stone, ABR, ePRO	419-241-1717
West Toledo	\$124,900	Sunday 6/14/09, 1-3 pm	2223 Georgetown	3 brm, 2 story, 1.5 baths, 2.5 car garage, new everything	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Rosie Morris	419-466-5242
West Toledo	\$99,900	Sunday 6/14/09, 3-5 pm	5635 Bannockburn	Nothing to do but move in. Completed remodeled!	The Danberry Co., Realtors	Doug Kwiatkowski	419-216-5634
West Toledo	\$124,900	Sun 1:00-2:30	5936 Fallen Leaf	NEW PRICE! 3 brm, 1.5 bath ranch, 2 car attached garage	Welles Bowen Realtors	Claire Browning	419-215-7929
West Toledo	\$115,000	Sun 2:00-4:00	3939 Garrison	2 story w/lots of updates, FR, master brm w/walk-in	Welles Bowen Realtors	Gerry Cotley	419-261-7490
West Toledo	\$94,900	Sun 2:30-3:30	2922 Letchworth	3 brms, breezeway, attached garage, fenced yard	Re/Max Preferred	Frank Smith	419-206-1188
West Toledo	\$69,900	Sun 2-4	742 Waybridge	Cute 3 brm, 1 bath, sunroom, garage	Re/Max Preferred	Linda Parker	419-509-4944
Whitehouse	\$144,900	1:00-3:30	10153 Rupp Rd.	2 brm, 1 bath, primarily all brick home!	Welles Bowen Realtors	Dawn Rhoades	419-877-0473
Whitehouse	\$120's	Sunday 1-4	10816 Logan St.	Built 1998, immediate possession, low maintenance www.geocities.com/Logan10816	By Owner	419-877-5172	
Wildwood	\$92,000	Sun 2:00-4:00	5665 Camberley	3 brm bungalow, quiet street, all major updates	Welles Bowen Realtors	Kay Seymour	419-377-9149

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