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**OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY SPONSORS SUSTAINABILITY SEMINARS AT  
THE 2009 ENERGY TRUST BETTER LIVING SHOW**

*Seminars Teach Portlanders About Energy Alternatives, Climate Change and  
Natural Resource Preservation at the Northwest's Largest Sustainable Lifestyle Show March 27-29*

**Portland, Ore.** – December 17, 2008 – Oregon State University (OSU) will sponsor a variety of sustainability seminars throughout the Energy Trust Better Living Home, Garden & Lifestyle Show, March 27-29. The university and its Extension Service are gathering a host of experts to discuss cutting-edge energy technologies, green living strategies, natural resource preservation and more.

Many of the seminars will include hands-on experiences, where attendees can learn how to plan a garden and edible landscaping, or design a rainwater receptacle for a home. All 38 seminars are free and open to the public. In addition to sponsoring the seminars, OSU will have their Solar Trailer outside the festival, to demonstrate the power of solar energy.

"We really want to educate the public about sustainability," said Weston Miller, Community and Urban Horticulturist at the OSU Extension Service in the Portland metro area. "OSU is doing incredible work in academic education and research in the area of sustainability, and the Better Living Show is the perfect opportunity for us to showcase and share our knowledge."

OSU is Oregon's land, space, sea and sun grant university, one of only two institutions nationwide with all four designations, making it a premier partner for the Better Living Show. The university is a leader in sustainability research, developing new energy technologies, and transferring those results to Oregon citizens.

Attendees can find more information about the seminars on the Better Living Show web site:

<http://www.betterlivingshow.org/attendees/seminars.asp>

**About The Energy Trust Better Living Home, Garden & Lifestyle Show**

Free and open to the public, The Energy Trust Better Living Show, the Northwest's largest sustainable lifestyle show, takes place Friday, March 27 from noon – 9 p.m.; Saturday, March 29 from 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.; and Sunday, March 30 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Portland Expo Center. The Better Living Show is designed to empower attendees to become more thoughtful consumers and lessen their impact on the environment by learning about sustainable, healthy and practical lifestyle products and services. For more information, visit [www.betterlivingshow.org](http://www.betterlivingshow.org).

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