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**OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY HOSTS SUSTAINABILITY SEMINARS, DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE
2010 BETTER LIVING SHOW, MARCH 26-28**

*Seminars, a CO₂ Food Laser and 10-Minute University Lectures Teach About Sustainable
Home, Garden and Lifestyle Topics*

PORTLAND, Ore. – March 16, 2010 – Oregon State University (OSU) will sponsor a variety of sustainability seminars, 10-minute gardening discussions and a CO₂ laser demonstration during the Energy Trust Better Living Show, March 26-28. The University and its Extension Service are gathering a host of experts to discuss cutting-edge sustainable technologies, green living strategies, natural resource preservation and more.

On Friday, March 26, OSU's Food Innovation Center will demonstrate their new CO₂ laser, which creates marks on surfaces by burning the materials with a high focused laser energy beam. The laser does not compromise the integrity of the product and is a new, sustainable way to label fruits and vegetables, instead of using stickers. At the show, the laser will be available to burn an OSU logo onto hazelnuts for attendees, to demonstrate the quickness and quality of the laser.

"We are one of the first universities in the world to conduct research work in using the CO₂ laser to improve food quality and processing efficiency in the food industry," said Dr. Qingyue Ling, assistant professor in food processing and packaging, at OSU Extension Service.

On Saturday and Sunday, instead of the laser, attendees will be able to stop by the OSU booth every half-hour, from noon until 4 p.m. on Saturday and noon until 3:30p.m. on Sunday, for a 10-Minute University session. These short gatherings will be lead by trained garden educators, and will provide how-to, practical information on topics from pruning trees and shrubs, to creating wildlife habitats in your garden and starting a worm bin.

If attendees are looking for more in-depth information, OSU's Seminar Series will run Friday through Sunday, featuring 37 unique topics, open to the public. The seminars will take place in two meeting

rooms, where attendees can come for a detailed, hour-long discussion on topics ranging from making bio-diesel at home to the basics of going solar, from bird watching to the benefits of a backyard chicken coop.

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. Better Living Show co-founder, Michael O'Loughlin is an alumni of OSU and Powered by Orange.

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

<http://www.betterlivingshow.org/seminar/index/4>

About the Energy Trust Better Show

Free and open to the public, the Energy Trust Better Living Show, the Northwest's largest sustainable lifestyle show, takes place Friday, March 26 from noon – 9 p.m.; Saturday, March 27 from 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.; and Sunday, March 28 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.

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