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## Launch projects and get the latest “know-how” from experts at the Tacoma Fall Home & Garden Show® at the Tacoma Dome, October 15-18

TACOMA—Discover the details you need to jumpstart every lawn and home remodeling project next week at the fourth annual Tacoma Fall Home & Garden Show® in the Tacoma Dome, October 15-18.

More than 400 local companies will be available to lend a helping hand with services and products to breathe life into renovations, garden creations or upgrades and other projects. Several of the Northwest’s top landscapers will display the latest in gardening trends in distinctive feature gardens, and The Home Depot comes to the show with multiple “how-to” clinics each day.

Colder weather has arrived, and local companies are ready to assist homeowners in taking advantage of tax credits available for a wide range of energy-saving products, including windows, siding, insulation, roofing and HVAC systems, to name a few.

Show hours are Thursday through Saturday (October 15, 16 & 17) 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday (October 18) 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

It’s not too early to start scoping out projects for 2010, and this year’s show offers ideas for garden and landscaping projects with colorful display gardens from SK Landscaping, J.A.C. Landscaping and the combined talents of the Washington Association of Landscape Professionals and Marenakos Rock Center.

For those who enjoy “putting around the house,” the show will feature a 500 square-foot putting green created by Evergreen Landscaping, accompanied by Virtual Golf System’s amazing high definition golf simulator. For home putting practice, the green uses synthetic turf that simulates a real putting green surface for fun for the whole family. The Virtual golf display will include various contests throughout the show, with prizes provided Puetz Golf Superstores.

The Home Depot will stage clinics covering topics focusing on electrical, plumbing, floors and kitchen upgrades and renovations. They will also showcase their vendor relationships with Tuff Shed, Puget Sound Energy, Northwest Fencing Systems and Behr Paint, among others. For the family, “Homer,” the retailer’s mascot, will also be on hand.

It’s time to take the chill out of your home –and your tax bill—with local experts showcasing products and services at the show. West Coast Vinyl features products locally manufactured in Tacoma for over 30 years, including vinyl replacement windows designed with foam-filled frame chambers for added insulation. According to owner Corbin Constantino, these qualify for the “Going Green” tax stimulus rebate– 30% of the cost of the project up to \$1,500.

Other local companies showcasing “tax-credit ready” products include Energy Exteriors with their “next generation” Tilt-and-Slide custom-made windows, and Harley Exterior’s “Olympic Series” windows ---locally manufactured and Energy Star-rated. In addition to energy-efficient windows, Amazing Siding and Windows offer a complete menu of energy-efficient home siding options, including an attractive array of acrylic siding systems.

Feature gardens showcasing the work of top professionals include:

- **Marenakos Rock Center and Washington Association of Landscape Professionals.** The focus will be outdoor living—creating a garden highlighting fun in your own back yard. The massive dream garden will feature 100 cubic yards of soil from Sawdust Supply; 100 tons of stone from Marenakos Rock Center; full-size trees from Puget Sound Gardens; turf from Country Green and electrical and irrigation systems from Ewing supply.
- **SK Landscaping’s garden theme will be Landscapes of Ireland.** Blending perfectly with the Pacific NW climate, this garden concept is very low maintenance, with lots of rock placement, stone paths—with manageable planting and grass areas. A stone fire pit will be featured in the center of the display with a stone hot tub in the background.

- **J.A.C. Landscaping will spotlight a garden around water features**, with a three-tiered rock bubbler and a standard waterfall with a pond. Surrounding the features will be a paver patio and fire pit which incorporate trees and grasses in an alpine landscape. The display will also showcase a variety of products, including low voltage landscape lighting, irrigation and paver displays.

Admission to the 2009 Tacoma Fall Home & Garden Show® is \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors (62 and older) weekdays only, free (with ID) for American Horticulture Society Members and free to children 12 and under. Weekday discount coupons are available online at [www.otshows.com](http://www.otshows.com).

Associate sponsors for the Tacoma Fall Home & Garden Show include West Coast Vinyl, CLICK! Cable Network, RSVP Seattle/Tacoma and the Tacoma News Tribune.

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