



A weekly selection of issues and activities relevant to local planning in Nashville and Davidson County

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Decorate responsibly and drink lots of water

Those are just two of Planet Green's [recommendations](#) for an eco-friendly New Year's Eve celebration - and a greener 2009.

Politics vs. a green city

A planned [Chinese eco-city](#) near Shanghai is on hold while legal and political issues are worked out - and some observers think that may never happen.

LEED and large

The California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco claims to have the world's [greenest museum](#) - and the world's largest LEED Platinum-certified public building.

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