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So Flushed

Sometimes a visit to the john yields an uncanny chance to be green. Today, the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department is taking action. The forward-thinking water conservation group recently initiated a high-efficiency toilet rebate program, offering \$100 rebates to qualified purchasers (Miami-Dade residents replacing older toilets only) of certain low-flow toilets. The Caravelle One-Piece Dual-Flush Toilet from Caroma (shown), available through Alterna Corp (Alternacorp.com), starts at \$350 but with the rebate is only \$250. miamidade.gov/conservation/trp.asp



5 ECO BASICS...

Here are a few things you can do right away, and in style, to make a green difference:

1. Use cloth napkins
2. Don't waste food
3. Bring your own coffee mug
4. Use toxin-free cleaners
5. Park the car and ride a bike

(Shown: the Biomega AMS Bicycle, \$1200 from Design Within Reach; dwr.com)

THE ENERGY SALUTE

After serving 10 years in the military, including stints guarding oil terminals in Iraq, Navy veterans and brothers, Russell and Kevin Otway, decided it was time to turn their attention to energy conservation here in South Florida. "We are about realistic, holistic solutions that will drive the state of Florida to energy independence," said Russell. Together, they have launched Veterans Energy Solutions, LLC, an energy improvement service company that will conduct diagnostic audits to help homeowners promote the safety, durability, comfort, environmental responsibility and financial paybacks linked to energy efficiency. 305.593.9191 | Ves1.com

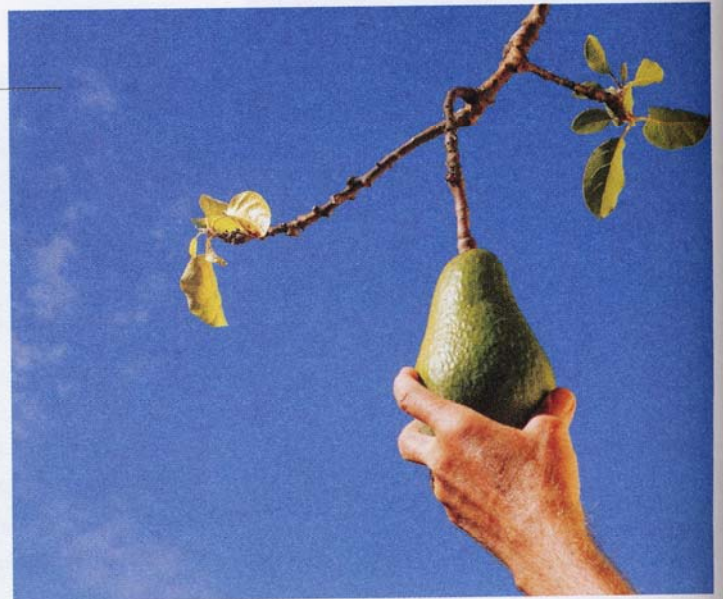
The Green Scene

Sometimes a verdant tomorrow is about
plantin' it, flushin' it and parkin' it.

Text Megan Aquilina

Taking Root

There are only two months left in Miami-Dade County's Adopt-A-Tree program. So, if you are a Miami-Dade resident with an itch to reestablish the city's green canopy, make sure to stop by Hadley Park on Saturday, September 15th from 9 am to 12 pm with a valid picture ID to pick up your Avocado, Dahoon Holly, Orange Geiger or Longan tree (species may vary according to availability). Two trees per property, and there's a bonus: Miami-Dade Water and Sewer will be there to exchange old showerheads for new more efficient ones for free. **1350 NW 50th Street**
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What's better than deliciously organic apples and pears – or grass-fed meat, kosher organic chicken, wild fish or fair-trade chocolate – delivered right to your door? According to Delicious Organics, an online market committed to bringing healthy, affordable, high-quality food home, not much. After placing your order and selecting when you would like to receive it online, Delicious Organics – who tries to get your selections to you the same day they receive it – will deliver your organic fancy wherever you are in South Florida from the Keys to West Palm Beach. Or if you would prefer, you can stop by their warehouse and pick up your goods on your own.

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