

# clovercraw!

- The first-ever Clover Crawl will take place on Saturday, March 15, from 9-5, all over downtown Homewood. It is the kickoff event for the new Green Resource Center for Alabama, a nonprofit organization that is working to help people make sense of the growing “green” options out there for home and garden design, energy efficiency, recycling and just living a “greener” life that uses less resources and protects the environment.
- The Green Resource Center is located in a historic building at 2564 18<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Homewood, right next to Dorothy McDaniel’s florist. Recently the building was renovated to become a certified “green” building. It has, for example, insulation made from recycled blue jeans. It has a “green” roof garden that helps keep the building cool. It has a cistern to collect rainwater that can be recycled to water the garden and for other uses. The wood floors are from recycled timber. It uses a lot of natural light to save on electricity. It is basically a showplace for energy efficient design, and will also be a place where people can come and see samples of different “green” products for home and business.
- The Clover Crawl, on March 15, will start with an open house at the center, with food and music and exhibits. Then participants will be invited to “do the clover crawl,” which is a “walk-about” around downtown homewood, where people can stop and see exhibits, enjoy kids activities and take advantage of discounts at participating merchants. And it’s all free.
- The Green Resource Center will also be a sponsor of educational programs to help adults and children learn common sense ways to conserve water and energy, recycle, and help protect our planet. In fact, the first substantive program will take place on March 25 at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. The “Save Our Water” conference will bring together water experts, policymakers and regular citizens to talk about common sense ways, during this ongoing drought, that we can become better stewards of our water resources.
- For more information about the Clover Crawl, the Save Our Water conference or the Green Resource Center, visit the center’s Web site at [www.greenalabama.org](http://www.greenalabama.org). To get involved or volunteer at the Clover Crawl, you can call 205.257.2401.

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