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Earth First

From dodging the power grid to fixing your face, green options abound. BY SARA BLISS



Greg Darwin, owner of Pristine Eco Systems

STARING AT THE SUN

Hamptonites who want off the grid are calling **Pristine Eco Systems** to help them ditch the Long Island Power Authority and power up with solar panels. The East Hampton-based company installs customized photovoltaic systems for both older and brand new homes. Beyond the abundant environmental benefits—a 1-kilowatt home solar system prevents 170 pounds of coal from being burned and 300 pounds of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere—switching to solar has plenty of financial bonuses as well. LIPA offers rebates for homeowners using solar power (up to \$35,000), and thanks to President Obama there are loads of federal tax credits in addition to those already given by the state for homeowners who make the switch to green power. Pristine's prowess also encompasses home energy audits, water-filtration systems and geothermal heating and cooling systems. 324-5702; pristineecosystems.com



CLD Pure

AGAINST THE WALL

CLD Pure by Carey Lind Designs for York, the latest eco-friendly wall-covering line, features bold, graphic patterns that we're obsessed with. Made with a combination of synthetic and natural fibers harvested from sustainably managed forests, all designs are printed with low-VOC water-based inks without lead or cadmium to eliminate the off-gassing associated with normal wall coverings. *Aboff's*, 352 Montauk Hwy., Wainscott, 537-9700

NOTE WORTHY

Planning a chic green wedding? Check out **Hoot Studios**, a sustainable stationery line made from 100 percent post-consumer recycled paper by Luscious Verde. The eight adorable designs range from a preppy red-and-white latticework to a more whimsical and romantic bicycle-built-for-two theme. Each of the eight designs includes save-the-dates, RSVP cards, notes, menu cards and invites. finestationery.com

SKIN DEEP

If you have temperamental skin, try switching to **Ren**, an ultra-pure natural skin-care line from Britain. The brand banished no fewer than 38 "skin-unfriendly" chemicals from its products, which means you won't find irritants and toxic ingredients like silicone, sulfates, glycols or parabens lurking in your night cream. Instead the potent line derives its power from exotic, bio-active ingredients like frankincense, vegetal plankton extract and arctic cranberry seed—perfect for those with even the most sensitive skin. For guys, try the High Glide cooling shave cream, the only all-natural version we've found that lives up to its promises to calm irritation. Another must-have is the Liptector Peptide anti-wrinkle eye cream—a wonder that relies on rosehip seed oil and plant collagen to brighten the under-eye area. *Lavish Beauty*, 132-7 Main St., Sexton Commons, Westhampton Beach, 288-1855; renskincare.com



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