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## Celebrate Earth Day by visiting EarthCraft Houses

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SPARTANBURG -- You can tour two "green" homes 2-5 p.m. April 20 for a fee that will benefit Upstate Forever, a local nonprofit that promotes sensible growth and protecting special places, according to the organization's spokesperson, Ned Barrett.

He touts the tours as a means of celebrating Earth Day, which occurs on April 22. Founded on that date in 1970, Earth Day promotes a healthy, sustainable planet.

The homes, located at 117 Sycamore Court in Spartanburg's Andrews Farm neighborhood, and 424 Mustang Drive in the Pierce Acres neighborhood, are each an EarthCraft House.

"EarthCraft House is a green building program that serves as a blueprint for healthier, more comfortable homes, which reduce utility bills and protect the environment," Barrett wrote in a prepared statement.

Builders will be on hand to answer questions.

For more information on EarthCraft building and green building in general, go to [http://www.upstateforever.org/ufs\\_ECHMain.html](http://www.upstateforever.org/ufs_ECHMain.html).

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