

Workshop sheds light on solar energy

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Solar panels are a prominent feature of The Cliffs Cottage at Furman University.

Tour in Greenville highlights energy-efficient homes, offices

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You can learn more about using solar energy in your home or business during a workshop and tour this week in Greenville.

The 2009 South Carolina Solar Council Solar Tour visits Greenville, Columbia, Charleston and Myrtle Beach Oct. 3. In each city, the public is invited to tour homes and businesses with solar power throughout the afternoon.

The tour in Greenville will visit three homes, the converted office space for Upstate Forever in the Pettigru neighborhood, and the Cliffs Cottage at Furman University. The Greenville stops

are:

- The home of Tom and Michaela Bates, 106 Bannerbrook Drive, Simpsonville.
 - The home of Bryan Rowell, 5 Hiley Court, Simpsonville.
 - The home of Jeff West, 127 W. Seven Oaks Drive, Greenville.
 - Upstate Forever, 507 Pettigru St., Greenville.
 - Cliffs Cottage, Furman University, 3300 Pointsett Highway, Greenville.
- The tour is free, and no registration is required. In addition, a Solar Workshop Series is set for locations across the state Monday night.
- Topics include incentives for solar power, benefits and costs to homeowners, and how solar power systems can be

YOU CAN GO

Greenville will be home to two solar energy events this week. Here are the details:

- On Monday, a Solar Workshop is set for 6-8 p.m. at Furman University in Room 222 of the Townes Center for Science. The workshop is free, and no registration is required. For more information, visit www.scsolarcouncil.org. For a map and directions, visit www.upstateforever.org and click on "events."

- On Oct. 3, the S.C. Solar Council Solar Tour is from 1-5 p.m. The Greenville tour is free.
- For a map and directions, visit www.upstateforever.org and click on "events." For more information, contact Sarah Tholstrup at stholstrup@energy.sc.gov or call: 803-737-4078.

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