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Steve Glenn's Top Product Picks



Green is a way of life for Steve Glenn. As founder and CEO of LivingHomes, a developer and builder of eco-friendly, modern, prefabricated homes designed by world-class architects, he not only helps others create their environmentally conscious dream homes, but lives in one himself. As the occupant of his company's first home—and the first residence to receive Platinum LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council—Glenn makes it a point to lessen his environmental footprint by driving a Prius, walking to work and living by the mantra: If it's yellow, keep it mellow.

Growing up as an aspiring architect, Glenn built Lego cities and read books on Frank Lloyd Wright. But the dream was not to be. When he realized he had "neither the talent nor the temperament" to be an architect, his love of design took him in a new direction. Concluding that developers, not architects, control what gets created in the built environment, he decided that the world could use more responsible developers. And thus, LivingHomes was born.

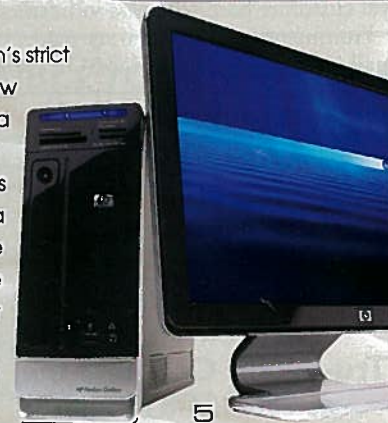
But busy as he may be, Glenn makes time for organizations such as the Kaia Parker Dance Fund, which gives dance grants to young adults, and the Hope Street Group, a political advocacy organization, both of which he cofounded. And with LivingHomes, Glenn also has the opportunity to make an impact. As he said, "Our mission is to create homes and communities that inspire people, foster family and community interaction, and make modern life easier, healthier and more comfortable—all in ways that complement and enhance the municipalities and environments in which we work."

And modern life includes eco-friendly products that set a standard for the positive impact they have on soil, water, energy and health. Each LivingHome features an array of sustainable materials and energy systems, but Glenn has a soft spot for his **Bosch** appliances (4). "I love my Bosch appliances," he said. "They all have a great look and, as a family of products, are by far the most energy and water efficient." He is particularly fond of the dishwasher and washing machine (the Axxis WFL2060UC is shown), which "sense the size of the load and adjust accordingly, which I think is great."

In the bathroom, Glenn has a **Sterling** Karsten dual-flush toilet (3), which meets the WaterSense program's strict flushing performance guidelines, and **Bricor's** B150CH-R showerhead (2), which has an adjustable water flow from 1.25 gpm to 1.5 gpm. "It's one of the lowest-flow showerheads you can get, but it feels great and has a very high aeration," Glenn said. "You don't even notice the fact you are getting much less water."

In the kitchen, Glenn keeps the household running with **HP's** Pavilion Slimline (5), a computer that's "designed for home environments," he explained. With a flat screen hanging in the kitchen and a remote hard drive, Glenn can access the web and keep track of his energy consumption in real time with a home dashboard from Lucid Design Group. Lastly, his **Bosch** Built-In Benvenuto Coffee Machine (1) is a hit with guests. "I actually don't drink coffee," he said, "but people who come over love it." With 15 more projects in the pipeline, who has time for coffee anyway? ■

—Sallie Moffat



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