

## The latest and greenest: 6 tech items for the eco-minded

We've got recommendations on the latest technology for the environmental crowd.

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The Andrea air purifier is one of the items on our list of the latest technology for the eco-minded. (Photo courtesy of Andrea Air)

As you probably read in your iPad edition of *The New York Times*, the gadget and gizmo world is inundated with the **latest technology** aimed to help you keep plugged in while lowering your environmental footprint.

With so many green tech devices currently out there (that once-lonely solar/crank flashlight is now in good company) the big question is: where do I begin? Since MNN has a (mostly) healthy obsession with green technology and design, we'd like to lend a helping hand and recommend a few fresh tech items for the eco-minded. From energy-efficient bladeless fans to ivy-inspired solar panels to a quintessential solar charger, each of these eco-innovations is unique, inspired and totally game changing. Now without further ado, game on.

### **The Andrea air purifier**

An eye-catching gizmo that can truly be tagged as green, [Andrea](#) is a houseplant-based – aloe vera, spider plants, peace lilies and red-edged dragon trees are said to perform best – filter-less air purifier that boasts some serious design – it was on display at the [Museum of Modern Art](#) – and tech – the prototype won the 2008 [Popular Science Inventions of the Year Award](#) – cred. Resembling an oversized terrarium gone intergalactic, Mathieu Lehanneur and David Edwards' indoor air quality-improving device is "the first award-winning designed air filter capable of absorbing toxic gases, such as formaldehyde, from home and office environments by enhancing the natural absorptive properties of living plants."

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