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## City of Raleigh hosts FREE Green Cleaning Course!

*The City of Raleigh will hold its first Green Cleaning course in the Green Building Training program funded by a grant from the Department of Energy and ARRA, stimulus funding.*

RALEIGH, NC- The City of Raleigh Office of Sustainability announces Green Cleaning training in the Green Building Training Program, funded by a Department of Energy grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Through the Green Building Training Program, the Office of Sustainability will offer classes and certifications, such as Green Cleaning, for a \$25.00 refundable fee per class to field professionals. Participants must provide evidence that they live or work in the City of Raleigh. Participants may show a business license, an invoice of work, or proof of residence in the city.

The Green Building Training program will empower small businesses with the tools and skills to market themselves in the emerging green economy. The Green Building Training program will also ensure that Raleigh has a skilled workforce trained in cutting edge technologies, enabling the city and its residents to build greener and healthier.

With the ever growing concern regarding sick building syndrome, asthma rates, and air quality, knowledge of green cleaning will provide a cleaning business with pertinent skills and tools to expand their business. The Green Cleaning course covers all aspects of indoor air quality and environmental air quality. Additionally, the course covers green cleaning basics and natural cleaning methods.

The City of Raleigh has contracted with Becoming Green, Inc to instruct the one and a one half day course. The course will be held June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Registration will begin May 26, 2010 and will remain open until June 16, 2010. To register, to view the course calendar, or to learn more about the program, visit [www.RaleighNC.gov/SustainableRaleigh](http://www.RaleighNC.gov/SustainableRaleigh).