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**Homeowner Tips to get the most out of the 4 Day Spring Home & Garden Show
Only 4 Days to see 550 Booths at this week's show, how do you prepare?**

Over 35,000 consumers flock to the Lane County Home & Garden Show each spring seeking services, products and advice from experts to get going on their home and garden projects. With everything in one place at the Lane Events Center, the show creates a perfect environment to get questions answered, interview and find contractors, and to discover new ideas to successfully start projects. The show's vendors will be showcasing the latest technology and styles in home improvements, and many offers "Show Specials" at the show on large retail items because of the competitive sales environment.

Since it's easy to get sidetracked exploring 300 booths, covering three acres, at one of the largest home shows per capita in the nation. Since the show only lasts for 26 hours, this list of Homeowner Tips will help make a visit to the show more productive.

Prior to arriving at the show, be sure to...

- Wear comfortable shoes! There is a lot of ground to cover- inside and outside.
- Bring a heavy weight shopping bag for small items you purchase, spicy pickles to lily bulbs.
- Bring your measurements and photos of the project areas of your home, or garden, for more useful conversations with contractors on pricing and timelines.
- Plan your visit around seminars that apply to you and contractors you want to meet - check out the 50 seminars and vendor lists online at www.EugeneHomeShow.com.
- Prepare your list of questions for contractors before you arrive at the show.
- Know your budgets so that contractors can give you a realistic idea of what they can do for that price.
- Remember to take pictures of products, gardens and exhibits with inspirational designs.
- Bring plants that need dialogistic, we have plenty of experts that are here to help!
- Know your schedule, so you book appointments right at the show – their spring schedules fill up during show.

At the show it is easy to get distracted, so stay focused on what you came to accomplish.

- Grab an Official Show Guide at the show entrance – circle the booths you NEED to see first.
- Focus on your project! Then roam the show once you have all that checked off the list.
- Keep track of the time so you make it to home or garden workshops you want to see.
- If you can come Thursday and Saturday night, those are our slower times which mean more one-on-one time with contractors.
- Slow down, take time to talk the vendors, pick up brochures, take photos, and come back multiple days if needed – admission and parking are free.

What: 36th Annual Lane County Home & Garden Show Sponsored by American Family Insurance

When: March 12-15, 2015

Thursday: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Lane Events Center, Convention Center at the Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene, Ore.

Cost: **FREE admission and parking!** Bring canned food donations to benefit FOOD for Lane County

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