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'Eco-\$mart' homes save money each month



"The Florida House" is a demonstration home showing how to live in harmony with the Southwest Florida environment. Special features make the climate work for the home owners' comfort, replacing in great part the use of electricity. Such a house is referred to as a "Green House" because it also reduces pollution. The "Green Yard" also plays its part.

The sliding glass doors of the dining room lead to a patio. ON the opposite wall, the setup is replicated for the living room to let the breezes flow through. Above the doors are transom windows, which add to the flow and let the rising hot air escape. Fans are installed throughout "The Florida House."



If you go

The Florida House is on the right side of the campus of Sarasota County Technical Institute. 4600 Beneva Road, corner of Proctor Road. From I-75, take Exit 27, go west on Clark Road to Beneva and turn right. From Beneva, make left on Proctor Road.

Visiting hours are from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.