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Natural, environmentally friendly products are slowly filling up more and more stores' shelves.

We know where to go to buy organic produce, dry foods free of artificial flavors and preservatives and even some nontoxic cleaning products.

But those unique, hard-to-find specialty gifts you can feel good about buying for someone are almost impossible to find, unless you sit down at your computer.

That's what Planet Green, at 19056 Old Detroit Road in Rocky River, hopes to change.

The establishment, which opened Jan. 26, says it's "a store to support your organic lifestyle." Owner Rebecca Reynolds, who also created Green Clean, a line of natural household cleaning products, dedicated the space next to Green Clean's office to this new project.

So for people who already have committed to a holistic home, Planet Green is a chance to expand.

It carries an assortment of natural items — from baby clothes to essential oils, alpaca scarves to thank-you cards. But, there is a downside, at least to frugal shoppers or newbies to the green movement. While it may sound great to buy new local, recycled or organic items, it costs quite a bit. You could easily drop close to \$100 for a chopping block made from refurbished wood or a lightweight organic cotton shirt.

But true green lovers know in this case price doesn't matter, when factors such as high quality and sustainability drive their purchasing decisions. Planet Green is a place where they can supplement what they already buy.

To get an idea of just some of the products Planet Green carries, check out the following Web sites: o www.naturoptions.us. Natural Options Aromatherapy, based in Indianapolis, offers essential oils that can relieve stress, headaches, sinus congestion and cramps. o www.apieceofcleveland.com. APOC, or A Piece of Cleveland, offers products made from recovered building materials. o www.greenclean.biz. Green Clean offers safe sprays and scrubs for around the home.

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