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Two Green Enterprises Produce Eco Stove Alternatives

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Deforestation is a big problem around the world. More than half of the planet cooks on open flame fires fueled by wood and other organic matter, but this cooking technique results in close to 2 million premature deaths every year, which is two times more people than those who die from malaria. Two [green entrepreneur](#) ventures are working to overcome this environmental and social

challenge with innovative cooking techniques that are set to change the world.

Green Enterprise Makes BioLite CampStove Prevents Deforestation, Powers Devices

The [BioLite CampStove](#), which is now being manufactured in time for your next camping trip, is a small, durable little camp stove about the size of a conventional water bottle and super lightweight. By concentrating the heat created by burning organic matter, it reduces air emissions by more than 90% while providing an affordable source of energy for small

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electronic and electric devices.

The CampStove, which is an adaptation of the larger BioLite stove used in many developing countries, has a usb plug that allows you to charge devices like your iPhone and other portable electronics. This provides an on-demand source for electricity that you can also use to power things like lights, and makes it a great solution for people living in developing countries who are otherwise not connected to the grid or cannot afford electricity.

Check out the [video](#) to hear some of the stories of these green entrepreneurs as they worked from prototype to commercially-available product over the period of two years of field testing and user feedback on over four continents.

The team hopes to launch large-scale promotion of their stoves in India, Uganda, Ghana, and Kenya. Your purchase of a BioLite CampStove helps to support this social enterprise working to solve some pretty important environmental problems.

Green Entrepreneurs Create Wonderbag for Less Stove-Time Cooking

With another ingenious take on saving cooking energy, the [Wonderbag](#) helps home chefs everywhere cut down on stovetop time to reduce their carbon footprints. What is essentially an insulated bag, the Wonderbag works by allowing you to heat a pot of food on the stove to get the cooking started. You then transfer the hot pot to the Wonderbag which insulates the pot to continue the

Wonderbag cooking times	 Time on stove	 Time in Wonderbag
Meat	20 minutes	5 hours
Chicken	15 minutes	3 hours
Vegetables	5 minutes	1 hour
Rice	2 minutes	1 hour



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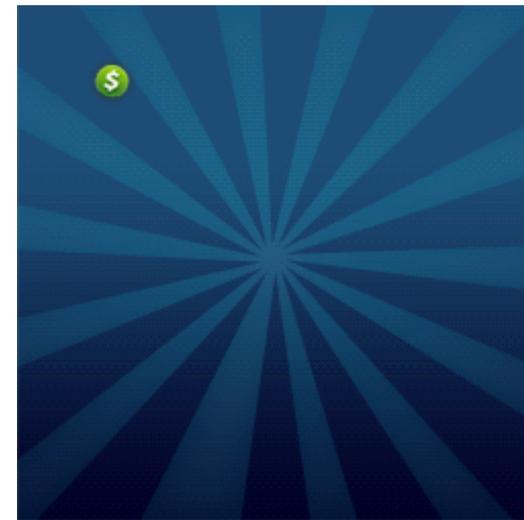
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cooking for hours longer.

This cooking alternative can reduce your fuel consumption by 30%, while diminishing your production of greenhouse gases and toxic fumes associated with cooking fuels. It's also a lot safer for children because it reduces the time you need to use an open flame or hot stove for cooking.

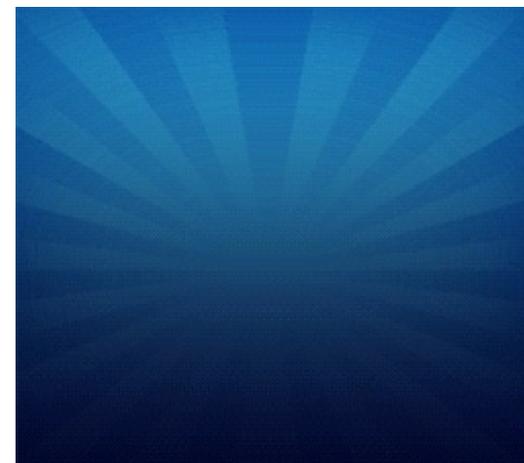
When applied in a developing world context, the Wonderbag also has the benefit of reducing wood burned for cooking, which is another way to prevent deforestation. Additionally, because food spends very little time on the stove, there's less chance of it burning, which means it reduces food waste. That's good for North America where we throw out tons of food waste every day, but also good for cash-strapped mothers in places like Africa.

Wonderbag hopes their green business will help save 8 million tonnes of carbon in 5 years, which is like preventing 1.5 million flights around the world. They estimate that with 5 million homes using a Wonderbag, 2.5 million carbon tonnes are saved every year.



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Maryruth has been seeking the keys to environmental justice - both at home and at work - for over a decade. Growing up adjacent to wild spaces, Maryruth developed a healthy respect (and whimsical appreciation) for things non-human, but her practical mind constantly draws her down to earth to ponder tangible solutions to complex eco-problems.

With interests that range from green living to green business, sustainable building designs to organic gardening practices, ecosystem restoration to environmental health, Maryruth has been exploring and writing about earth-matters for most of her life. Of special interest is the subject of ecopsychology and the role the natural world plays in the long-term health and well-being of humanity. You can learn more about Maryruth's work at www.JadeCreative.ca.

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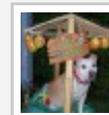
Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 3:46 am



Remember that pre-recession green movement was the rage. People were excited about renewable energy.

Greg says:

Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 11:49 am



That BioLite CampStove is awesome! Wish I had one for this weekends camping trip with my son. Deforestation in the US is a huge problem. Promotion of produces like those above, as well as bamboo, an alternative to many uses of lumber such as fencing, are a slow but productive way to help with the deforestation issue.

Rebecca says:



Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 6:38 am



Thanks to green entrepreneurs, new technology are being invented or made that not only can save lives and save the environment but also makes things a lot easier for us. I love to camp so I will definitely buy and use this.

Andrei says:

Monday, May 14, 2012 at 2:11 am



WOW! I'm amazed by this device because it prevents deforestation and reduces fuel consumption. But I'm more amazed with the USB port. Cool!

Liz Biolite says:

Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 6:26 pm



Hi All, We're thrilled to announce that the BioLite CampStove is now available for sale at the newly redesigned BioLiteStove.com. Pre-orders start shipping June 1 and new orders will be processed on a first-come first-served basis. Thank you for making our first product launch such a success. We can't wait to share a summer of CampStove adventures together. -The BioLite Team

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