

AT HOME



Bright Lights

When tech titan Wayne Inouye built his sustainable, LEED Platinum residence in Corona del Mar, organic materials and sculptural shapes were used to brighten the space and maintain the home's light touch on the environment. For more about this house, see page 102.

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In the open-plan living, dining and kitchen area of this green Corona del Mar home, Room & Board's Vela sofa and Pure Park cowhide rug echo the natural elements used throughout.

GREEN BY DESIGN

TECH TITAN WAYNE INOUE
TAPS ORANGE COUNTY'S TOP
DESIGN TALENT TO CREATE A
STANDARD-SETTING, SUSTAINABLE
HOME IN CORONA DEL MAR

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Going green is nothing new for Wayne and Shannon Inouye. In fact, says Wayne, his wife converted to re-useable grocery bags back in the mid-80s, far before ditching the plastic became a political movement. But even though the Inouyes pride themselves on decades of water-saving Navy showers, composting and using as little electricity as possible, it wasn't until more recently that the couple decided to embark upon sustainable home design. Last year, the Inouyes left their acre-plus Shady Canyon estate and built a much more modest house in Corona del Mar, one that turned out to be one of the city's first LEED Platinum-certified residences.

Now Wayne, the former CEO of Gateway Electronics and current co-chairman of Fugoo, a new Bluetooth speaker company, has just completed his second green home, also in Corona del Mar. "We learned so much during the process of building our own LEED Platinum home that we wanted to incorporate our experience into building a more cost-effective home," he says of the spec development, a four-bedroom, four-bathroom, 2,770-square-foot house.

To create a home that is anticipated to earn the U.S. Green Building Council's highest rating while maintaining top aesthetic standards, Wayne tapped Jeff Jeannette of Jeannette Architects, along with John Steed Homes as the general contractor. "Our overall design goal was to build a LEED Platinum, net-zero home that would compete with other traditionally built premium homes in Corona del Mar on a cost-per-square-foot basis," says Wayne. "For the house itself, we wanted it to feel open and inviting, with lots of natural light, and where one could expand the inside living space to the outside areas."

Green features include not just roof-top solar panels, LED lighting, low and no-VOC materials, as well as low-flow toilets, faucets and shower fixtures, but also a host of elements that aren't even visible. "We went beyond LEED standards in many cases," says Wayne. "We wrapped pipes with a special dampening putty, and then further wrapped them in acoustic form – these drain pipes should last indefinitely."





In the dining area, Room & Board's Cora dining chairs surround the company's Portica dining table. A trio of Banded Orb lighting pendants, designed by Caleb Siemon of Siemon and Salazar, hangs overhead; kitchen appliances include a U-Line, under-the-counter wine fridge and GE's Monogram refrigerator; Room & Board's Avery bed and Anders nightstands are used in the master bedroom, while the master bath's striking quartz tub surround was manufactured by Minnesota-based Cambria; solid strand bamboo flooring is used throughout the home.



Not that Wayne solely focused on function. Form was also taken into consideration when he hired interior designer Rachel Hulan of Hulan Design, who collaborated with Room & Board, whose American-made pieces were used throughout the two-story home. Lots of organic materials and sculptural shapes keep with the home's light touch on the environment. Sarah Robinson of The Plant Nerd created drought-tolerant gardens for the property.

So why Corona del Mar as his test lab for sustainable design? Wayne is clear on the choice: "This is one of the only neighborhoods in Orange County where you can live and walk to goods and services," he says of the Flower Street home. "You're right near the village. And being able to walk, and not drive, every time you want to go to the market or out to dinner, is very green. In my mind, this was the best place to build." ●

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Ample outdoor areas are part of the home's design, including the front terrace which features Room & Board's Montego lounge chairs with its Waikiki umbrella; a small sitting area at the top of the stairs faces the second-floor deck and can be used as a home office, media room, exercise area or meditation room.