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Forest Products Laboratory hosts Open House

Editors: We ask your help in getting the word out about this event to the public. Also, we welcome any media coverage we might receive day of the event. Please call Gordie Blum, FPL public affairs director at 231-9325 to coordinate. Thank you!

MADISON, WI — The USDA Forest Service Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 20 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The purpose of the Open House will be to showcase the lab's new Research Demonstration House, as well as other research currently taking place at the lab.

Highlights of the Open House include:

- Tours of the new Research Demonstration House
 - *This 2,300 square foot house showcases many new environmental technologies and products. The house will also be a center for continuing research focusing on increasing the affordability, durability, and energy efficiency of America's housing.
- Tours of FPL research facilities with researchers on hand to discuss their work
 - *Engineering Mechanics Laboratory, featuring nondestructive lumber evaluation, Alaskan yellow cedar, glulam beams, log grading techniques and using deconstructed lumber from facilities such as the Badger Army Ammunition plant.
 - * Paper Plant, featuring research on self-adhesive stamps, environmentally friendly pulping, improved recycling processes, water filtration, and bioprocessing.
 - *Small-Diameter Timber Structure, built using wood from our Western forests 6 to 9 inches in diameter. This technology supports the National Fire Plan and will be on display at the 2002 Winter Olympics.
 - *Displays and information on termites, finishing decks, wood foundations, and new uses for undervalued and invasive wood species such as red maple. And much more!
- Wood Identification service offered
 - *A botanist from FPL's Center for Wood Anatomy Research will be available to instantly identify a wood sample (suggested sample size: ½"x3"x6" along the grain) or small items may be brought in (smaller than a chair please).

We are located at One Gifford Pinchot Drive, near the VA Hospital. To get to our front entrance, take University Avenue to Walnut Street, then turn left onto Gifford Pinchot Drive.

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