

## Going Out to Eat, but Staying Green

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At the Oko frozen yogurt shop in Park Slope, Brooklyn, the counter and walls are made from sunflower seeds and its awnings have solar panels.

Maury Rubin said that when he opens his third Birdbath organic bakery this spring, in Battery Park City, the roof will be planted with herbs to help air quality and insulate the store. Like the other Birdbaths in lower Manhattan, its furnishings will be made from recycled materials and wheat board.

Gusto Grilled Organics in Greenwich Village has been certified as organic under federal regulations by the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York and its construction complies with standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council, a national environmental building organization.

Places like these, with a countercultural vibe, are what the phrase 'green restaurant' might bring to mind.

But at the 13 New York and Chicago restaurants of Stephen Hanson's B. R. Guest Restaurants, where you're more likely to find patrons knocking back margaritas than sipping herbal tea, there's a sanitation expert to help with recycling, as well as paper takeout containers, and organic eggs and other ingredients (as long as they're not too expensive or hard to get).

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