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Wayne Automatic Fire Sprinklers, Inc. partners with Mecca Builders and BlazeMaster for National Television show. The half hour episode of *Designing Spaces* will focus on green building initiatives and includes a segment on the environmental benefits of a residential fire sprinkler system.

BlazeMaster fire sprinkler systems partnered with Wayne Automatic and Mecca Builders, a family-owned, custom homebuilder based in Lake Mary, Florida to highlight the 5,000 s.f. home for the filming. Matthew Kuwatch, BlazeMaster global marketing manager, was interviewed for the segment. “Most people don’t think of fire sprinklers as being environmentally friendly”, said Kuwatch. “In addition to being the only system that can be installed in a home to extinguish a fire, sprinkler systems can also have a significant impact on the environment”.

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Green Fire Sprinklers

Once only found in commercial and multifamily occupancies, fire sprinkler systems are now being offered as standard features in new homes by top builders across the country. Costing as little as one to one and a half percent of total construction costs, fire sprinkler systems provide added peace of mind for buyers and a competitive advantage for home builders.

House fires that require fire department assistance have a dramatic effect on water usage and groundwater contamination. According to the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, fire hoses use more than eight times the amount of water that residential fire sprinklers use. On average, sprinklers dispel 13 gallons of water per minute compared to 250 gallons of water per minute used by a firefighter water hose. Fire departments typically use thousands of gallons of water to extinguish a house fire. This water flows into groundwater supplies, often carrying ash, debris and toxins from the items damaged by the fire. A residential fire sprinkler system significantly reduces the amount of water needed to extinguish a fire, limiting the contamination found in run-off water.

Because home fires are typically suppressed much faster with a residential fire sprinkler system, the amount of toxins being released into the air is substantially reduced. All materials – even wood – produce toxic fumes when burned. In a typical home, there are a number of natural and synthetic building materials as well as fabrics, cleaners and chemicals that can produce air contaminants when burned. Ash and smoke have

obvious negative effects on air quality. By keeping home fires contained, residential fire sprinkler systems help reduce the impact that fires have on the air we breathe.

Residential fire sprinkler systems also contribute to the environment by limiting the amount of material dumped into landfills. Whether a house is completely destroyed in a fire or is only damaged, tons of building materials, furnishings and other ruined possessions are hauled to the dump. Because residential fire sprinklers contain a fire and oftentimes extinguish it altogether, the systems help eliminate unnecessary landfill refuse from fire-damaged homes. And since more of the house can be salvaged should a fire occur, less building materials are required for rebuilding or repair.

Wayne Automatic Fire Sprinklers has grown to the largest fire protection company in Florida. Founded in 1978 in Ocoee, Florida, Wayne Automatic Fire Sprinklers, Inc. maintains offices in seven locations: Orlando, Jacksonville, Ft. Myers, Pompano, Tampa, Pt. St. Lucie, Florida and Charlotte, North Carolina. With a staff of almost 600, Wayne Automatic specializes as a full service life safety sub contractor for construction projects in the residential, commercial and industrial marketplace.

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