

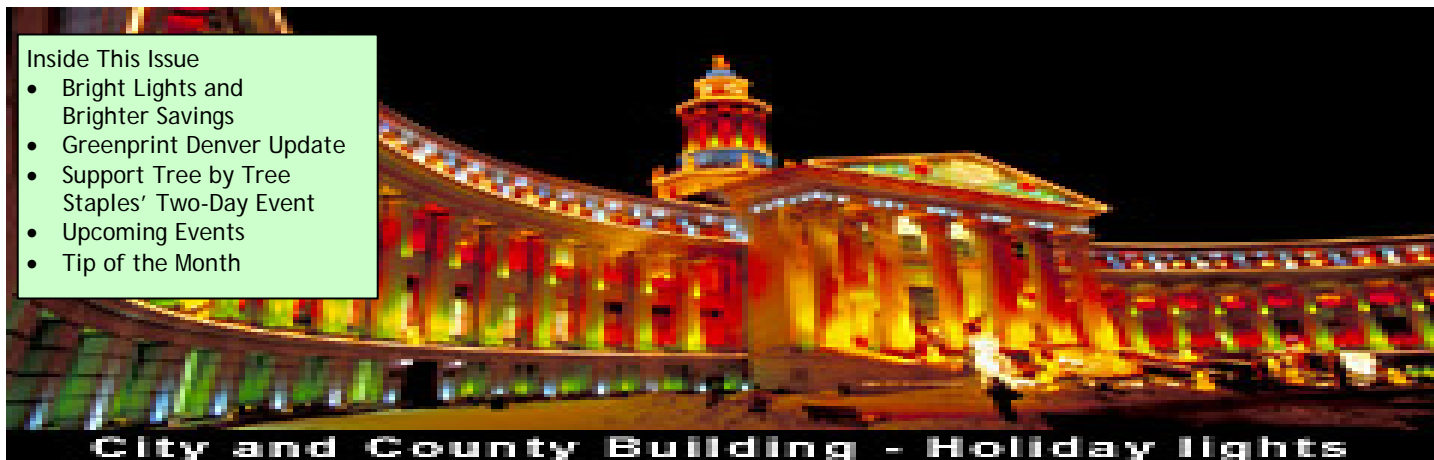


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City and County Building - Holiday lights

The Denver Post

- *Bright Lights and Brighter Savings* -

This holiday season, many of the festive lights you see around town are smart energy choices and are good for the environment. Light emitting diode lights, or LEDs, are tiny light bulbs that fit easily into an electrical circuit. LED lights are brighter and they last up to ten times longer than incandescent lights. Unlike ordinary incandescent bulbs, they do not have a filament that will burn out, and they do not get especially hot. Best of all, they are at least 80% more energy efficient.

► The City and County of Denver unveiled its annual lighting display on Nov. 30. It is one of Denver's longest running traditions and is the premier lighting display in the region. The City & County Building is decorated with floodlights and 2,000 linear feet of rope lights. In an effort to embrace its commitment to energy conservation, last year the City replaced all 2,000 feet of rope lights with LED lights. As a result, the City has seen an 86% energy savings.

► Trees lining the 16th Street Mall are shining bright once again with more than 300,000 energy-efficient LED twinkling lights, which were installed as an energy conservation makeover inspired by Greenprint Denver.

► Denver Botanic Gardens plays host to its 19th Annual *Blossoms of Light*, which will run from Dec. 1 - Jan. 20. Over one million colorful LED lights fashioned in elegant designs will illuminate the plants and hardscapes throughout the Gardens. Another energy-saving feature is the fluorescent lighting which will illuminate a number of the Chapungu sculptures along the path. These lights use just one-sixth the power of ordinary lights. The Gardens' new green roof situated on top of the Gift Shop will also be illuminated for the occasion. Each night, seasonal entertainment will be provided. For more information visit: www.botanicgardens.org.

► The Denver Zoo will celebrate its 17th Annual *Zoo Lights* from Dec. 7 - Jan. 6. This event will feature a number of animal viewing opportunities, more than 38 brilliantly illuminated acres of LED lights, and, of course, Santa Claus. Carolers, instrumental groups, dancers and the Conservation Carousel are some of the added attractions. Warming stations throughout the zoo will offer hot chocolate, cider, soft bread pretzels and steamy cappuccino. Remember to bring your own mug! The Denver Zoo introduced LED lights in 2005 as part of an energy-savings campaign. For more information visit: www.denverzoo.org.

Take the Greenprint Challenge:

Greenprint Denver challenges you to let your holiday lights shine! Help us darken the night sky so our homes' festive lights truly sparkle across the city. You can participate by thinking about your use of lights indoors. Remember to turn off lights when you leave a room; make sure your office or store lights are turned off when you leave work for the day; turn off extra lighting outdoors that might compete with your holiday display. Help us make our festive lights glow against a dark sky. LED holiday lights used by the City are also available for residential use and are available at all major retailers. By following these simple tips, we can save energy community-wide during this holiday season, and save money on our energy bills.

- *Greenprint Denver Update* -

Nov. 5 - Greenprint Denver met with the New Orleans City Council Energy Policy Task Force to discuss the Greenprint Denver process. The Task Force hopes to enlighten the City of New Orleans in achieving its Climate Action Agenda goals.

Nov. 7 - Mayor Hickenlooper was presented a US EPA Environmental Stewardship Certificate of Leadership by EPA's Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations.

Nov. 15 - The Downtown Denver Partnership Leadership Group presented Greenprint Denver with *Operation GreenBiz*, a proposal for engaging businesses across Denver in green business practices. Stay tuned for more information!

Nov. 16 - Dr. Björn Gunnarsson from the School for Renewable Energy Science in Iceland was in town to meet with Greenprint Denver to discuss renewable energy partnership opportunities with Denver and the State of Colorado.

Nov. 27 - Mayor Hickenlooper and Greenprint Denver held a reception to honor the Greenprint Denver Advisory Council at the Denver Botanic Gardens' Waring House. Donations of canned goods were collected for distribution to The Salvation Army Food Drive by Denver Employee Volunteer Opportunities (DEVO). Special thanks to Denver Botanic Gardens for providing the perfect venue, to Argonaut Liquors for donating local wines and beers, and the Supreme Bean Café for catering the event.

Nov. 29 - Greenprint Director, Michele Weingarden, was featured in a Channel 7 news story on green concrete.

- *Support Tree by Tree - Mile High Million -
Staples' Two-Day Event (Dec. 9 & 10)* -

Dec. 9 & 10 - Shop Staples during this two-day event and for every purchase you make, Staples will donate \$1 towards the Mile High Million, Mayor Hickenlooper's tree planting program. For more information go to www.greenprintdenver.org/trees/staples.

Participating Stores:

Hampden Ave. & S. Monaco Pkwy, Denver
S. Colo. Blvd. & E. Kentucky Ave., Glendale
S. University Blvd., Highlands Ranch
29th St. Mall, Boulder

Wadsworth Blvd. & Bowles Ave., Littleton
S. Kipling Pkwy & W. Chatfield Ave., Littleton
W. Colfax & 6th Ave. Expressway, Golden

W. 120th Ave. & Sheridan Blvd., Westminster
Parker Rd. & Hilltop Rd., Parker
Harvest Junction N. (Hwy. 119 & 287), Longmont

- *Upcoming Events* -

For the latest "green" events, visit: <http://greenprintdenver.org/news/events.php>.

- **TIP OF THE MONTH** -

Change your indoor lights to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). Changing even one light bulb in your house to a CFL saves \$15 a year in energy costs and reduces your carbon dioxide emissions by 150 lbs. If every house in the United States replaced even one light bulb to a CFL, we would reduce our carbon emissions by 90 million pounds, or the equivalent of taking 800,000 cars off the road. CFLs shine brighter than incandescent bulbs, so you can buy lower wattage bulbs and still light up your room when you need to -- and the bulbs last 10 times longer.

**Stocking stuffer or small holiday gift idea: buy your loved ones a compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL)!



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