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- ▶ On October 10, 2007, Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper was joined by Fort Collins Mayor Doug Hutchinson and Lakewood Mayor Steve Burkholder in announcing approval of the Rocky Mountain Climate Organization's set of recommendations to cut Colorado's greenhouse gas emissions and prompt action by the state and local entities. The recommendations were developed by over 100 civic, government, and business leaders throughout Colorado.
- ▶ Mayor Hickenlooper was joined by members of the Greenprint Advisory Council and City employees at an October 24 Press Conference to formally adopt the Climate Action Plan and unveil a plaque certifying the Webb Building as a LEED Gold Existing Building. The Mayor also signed Executive Order 123, formally establishing the City's sustainability policy. Read more at: <http://www.greenprintdenver.org/about/reports.php>; <http://www.greenprintdenver.org/about/eo.php>.
- ▶ Plans to construct a two-megawatt (MW) solar energy system at Denver International Airport (DIA) were announced on October 1, 2007. Upon its completion in 2008, the photovoltaic system is expected to generate 3.5 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean electricity annually at DIA and support Denver's commitment to environmental sustainability by reducing carbon emissions into the atmosphere by more than five million pounds each year.
- ▶ As of October 15, 2007, all City and County of Denver computer monitors have been set to go into a "sleep" mode after 20 minutes of inactivity. When in "sleep" mode, the monitors will use twenty times less energy. The City estimates a cost savings of more than \$150,000 per year, in addition to a reduction of the City's carbon output by 1,600 tons per year, an equivalent of taking 278 cars off the road!
- ▶ Substantial savings of water and energy will be realized with the recent installation of a commercial washer extractor at Denver's Department of Human Services, Family Crisis Center, made possible by Denver Water. Water savings alone are expected to average 310 gallons per day, 2,170 gallons per week, and 112,840 gallons per year. Because the new washer uses approx. half the amount of water of a top-loader domestic machine, there will also be substantial savings in water heating costs. Additionally, the drum spins at about double the rate of a domestic washing machine and extracts substantially more water from the laundry. This equates to a reduced drying time of approximately 40 percent.

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- ▶ Greenprint's Director, Michele Weingarden, keynoted the Building Green Conference and Expo on October 17, 2007 at the Denver Athletic Club.
- ▶ Greenprint staff addressed several events in October: a training course on Oct. 23, 2007 hosted by Triple Bottom Line Sustainable Denver at the Alliance Center in LoDo, and the "Living Green in Our Community" Event on October 27, 2007 co-hosted by Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Association and National Jewish Medical Research Center.
- ▶ Greenprint Council member and Board President of the Alliance for Sustainable Colorado was recipient of one of the 2007 Mayor's Design Awards for making design excellence a priority in Denver. The Alliance Center is one of only two building in the world to earn two Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certifications and is one of only three LEED-Gold office buildings in Colorado. Read the entire story at: <http://www.denvergov.org//MayorsDesignAwards/tabid/428092/Default.aspx>.

-Upcoming Events-

Keep up on the latest "green" events. Bookmark <http://greenprintdenver.org/news/events.php> to keep up on what's happening around town.

-REMINDER-

2007 Denver **LeafDrop** and **Pumpkin** recycling is underway. Following is the schedule for November/December:

M-F, Nov. 2 - Dec. 3 (except holidays)
7:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Havana Nursery, 10450 Smith Rd.
Denver Solid Waste @ Quebec St. & Cherry Creek Drive, S.

Sundays, Nov. 4 & 11
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

NW-Sloan's Lake, 17th Ave. & Sheridan Blvd.
SW-JFK High School, Newland St. & Brown Pl.
E/Central: Cranmer Park, 3rd Ave. & Clermont St.
SE-South High School, Louisiana Ave. & Franklin St.

Information is available at 720-865-6810 or by visiting denvergov.org/DenverRecycles.

-TIP OF THE MONTH-

Maintain proper inflation of tires on your vehicle. Under-inflated tires require more energy to roll, which translates into more frequent gasoline fill-ups. According to the Department of Energy, you can improve your fuel economy by about 3.3 percent if you keep your tires inflated properly. For example, a car that normally gets 25 miles per gallon and drives 12,000 miles per year would require one extra 16-gallon fill-up (about \$50) annually. Multiply that by a million cars and the difference really adds up.



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