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Energy Efficiency - the Grassroots Way *A Pilot Program is Launched in Sunnyside*

Greenprint Denver is launching an innovative pilot to concentrate community resources on one neighborhood throughout October with the intent of improving energy efficiency and connecting Denver residents with information and programs to help them live more sustainably. Program partners include Groundwork Denver, LEAP, Energy Outreach Colorado, the Governor's Energy Office, Mile High Youth Corps, and Sun Power, as well as representatives from Denver's Office of Economic Development and Department of Environmental Health.

The pilot launched in the Sunnyside neighborhood in Northwest Denver, which was selected after a thorough review of criteria such as per capita energy use, income, and population.

A sweep of the Sunnyside neighborhood began on October 1 and will continue through the month with a concentrated "blitz" on October 11. Members of the Neighborhood Collaborative team and volunteers are going door-to-door throughout the neighborhood to offer resources to reduce energy use and save money. The goal is to reach 1,000 Sunnyside homes to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Denver as part of the City's Climate Action Plan goal to reduce per capita carbon emissions 10 percent by 2012.



2008 Denver LeafDrop!

Keeping your leaves off the street and turning them into compost.

If you can't reuse all your leaves in your yard or garden, bring them to the closest Denver LeafDrop site and we'll recycle them for you.

These Sundays only

November 2, 9 and 16
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Northwest: Sloan's Lake Park
17th Ave. at Sheridan Blvd.

Southwest: John F. Kennedy High School
Newland St. & Brown Pl.

East Central: Cranmer Park
3rd Ave. & Clermont St.

Southeast: South High School
Louisiana Ave. & Franklin St.

Northeast: Sanley Middle School
26th Ave. & Holly St.



Brown Bag Them & Go!

Save your plastic trash bags and our time by bringing your leaves in paper yard debris bags. Unlike plastic bags, brown paper bags can be composted with your leaves. Many hardware, home improvement and department stores sell paper yard debris bags.

- ❗ Leaves left before or after these Sundays will not be recycled.
- ❗ Denver LeafDrop is for Denver Residents only.
- ❗ For weekday drop-off information visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles or call 720-866-6810.
- ❗ In the event of extreme weather call ahead to check for cancellations.



Treat your Halloween jack-o'-lanterns to a second chance and compost them with Denver LeafDrop!



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The Best Cities by Design Denver Ranks in Top Ten

3.3 billion people will live in urban areas by the end of 2008, according to a report released by the U.N. last year. The design of these cities, and the quality of life in them, becomes an increasingly critical issue.

In a recent survey, architectural firm RMJM Hiller ranked Denver in the top ten of the best cities in the U.S. for design. "Realizing that economic opportunity and environmental beauty can be mutually compatible, cities are adopting policies or instituting programs to clean up the environment, build quality buildings, enhance infrastructure, and promote community through public spaces," the report's authors wrote.

The survey focused on manufactured design and natural advantages such as rolling hills or soaring mountains were not considered. Because a city's design feeds directly into its citizens' quality of life, growing cities are integrating more sustainable design plans for the sake of the environment, and for residents. Good design—sustainable design—makes for a more harmonious living situation.



Environmental Protection Agency
Region 8 Building in Denver, Colorado

The Top 10 List:

10. Washington, D.C.
9. Philadelphia
8. Denver
7. Seattle
6. San Francisco
5. Portland, OR
4. Los Angeles
3. Boston
2. New York City
1. Chicago



Compost Anyone?

Denver Recycles, a program of Solid Waste Management/ Denver Public Works, is asking Denver resident to sign-up for a new free composting collection pilot program for yard debris, food and soiled paper. The residential composting collection began this October and will test collection services at 3,300 Denver homes. Each home will be provided with a green, 65-gallon composting cart (the same size as the purple Denver Recycles carts) and a small kitchen pail to collect organic material inside the home. The green carts will be serviced weekly during the growing season, then every-other-week through the winter. Visit: <http://www.denvergov.com/recoth/CompostingCollectionPilotProgram/tabid/431111/Default.aspx>

Insulate and Seal Your Home

Greenprint Denver, and the Governor's Energy Office have announced the *2008 Insulate Colorado* program that offers cash-back rebates to qualifying homeowners in the City and County of Denver.

Rebates will be issued for the installation of either attic or exterior wall insulation and basic air sealing measures performed by an approved contractor (do-it-yourself projects are not eligible). The rebates cover 20 percent of the total cost of insulation and air sealing upgrades or \$300, whichever is less. Rebates will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until program funding is exhausted.



Participation is easy:

- Complete an Insulate Colorado Homeowner Rebate Request Form available at https://www.greenprintdenver.org/docs/Insulation_Rebate_Denver.pdf
- Attach a copy of the contractor's invoice showing total job costs and measures installed.
- Include a copy of the official Insulate Card demonstrating the amount of insulation added.

Mail all three items to:
Smart Energy Living Alliance
12600 W. Colfax, Suite B-450
Lakewood, CO 80215

Visit www.SmartEnergyLiving.org for more information.

This is a limited time offer. Rebates are not guaranteed.

Insulating an older home or one with inadequate insulation can reduce energy bills up to 30 percent. Energy conserved is money saved, and the savings increase when utility rates go up.



Wellington Webb Building—Denver

Wellington Webb Building Saves Energy

Turning Down the Lights

If you had ever seen the Webb building at night, it looked like every light in the building was lit. It appeared that way because our emergency lighting was carried through to the very exterior of the building. Realizing that this was not only unnecessary, but carried a large energy price tag, a revision has been made to strategically locate lighting to illuminate passages for safe egress while reducing the overall number of lights that remain on overnight.

“This creates a terrific energy and cost savings,” said Greenprint director, Michele Weingarden. “It’s another terrific example of the City leading the way for our community to become more energy efficient.”



Recycle 8+ in 10

Six Months and Going Strong

Greenprint Denver, in cooperation with Councilwoman Jeanne Robb and with support from Waste Management of Colorado's Recycle America Division, launched a one-year multi-family unit recycling pilot program in Council District 10. The pilot program, *Recycle 8+ in 10*, began in April 2008 and is intended to improve recycling opportunities for apartment complexes and condominiums.

The program has been underway for almost six months and has been very successful in introducing recycling to more Denver residents. To date, the *Recycle 8+ in 10* program has resulted in over 61,000 pounds of waste being kept out of the landfill. Any multi-family building with a contract for trash service should consider asking their hauler for an estimate to provide recycling for their building. Reductions in trash hauling fees may offset any costs to add recycling service, making recycling a great choice for your building and our community.

Good to the Last Drop

Denver Water is #1

Denver Water placed number one in a taste test for water utilities in Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming at the American Water Works Association Rocky Mountain Section's (RMSAWWA) annual conference.

Thirteen utilities submitted samples for tasting, and a panel of five judges that included news media and water taste-test professionals rated Denver Water as the best based on appearance, smell, taste, and overall impression.

So, remember to carry your refillable water bottles and fill up at the tap to enjoy the cool, clear water that is the best in the West.

**USE ONLY
WHAT YOU
NEED.**

 DENVER WATER

Easy SMART TIPS from Greenprint

Inexpensive weatherization:

Tuck rolled towels around windows and at the bottom of exterior doors to prevent drafts.

Entertaining:

Use dishes, cutlery, and glasses instead of paper and plastic products for parties, watching football games, and holiday meals.

Dressing up:

Looking for dressy clothing for the holidays? Try consignment or thrift stores. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – it applies to clothing as well.

Green gift idea:

Reusable Bags! They come in chic looks and can be filled with soaps, socks, or other interesting things.