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Denver/Boulder 2010 Solar & Green Homes Tours offers “how-tos” for residents & landlords

Demonstrations of how Coloradans can lower their energy bills and improve the comfort of their homes.

WHAT: Metro Area residents hoping to lighten their carbon footprints, slash their energy bills, and add value to their homes can see how green-thinking homeowners are doing exactly that at this year’s Denver/Boulder Solar & Green Homes Tours. Landlords can also learn about green technologies to incorporate into their units and make them more desirable for renting.

The Tours, organized by the [Colorado Renewable Energy Society](#) and the [Center for ReSource Conservation](#), will feature 27 green homes in Boulder, Denver, Louisville, Nederland, Golden, and Evergreen.

WHY: Everyday, more and more residents are looking to get off the power grid that is contributing to global carbon emissions. Yet, many of them probably think that it is just too cost prohibitive or simply impractical.

That is no longer the case.

Today, the cost of renewable energy is decreasing while incentives are increasing. The federal government and states like Colorado, a leader in bringing renewable energy and energy efficiency to communities, are offering more rebates and subsidized programs to build up America’s “green energy” industry. Such programs include the recent \$25 million awarded to Colorado local governments to bring large-scale retrofits and energy efficiency programs to state businesses and homeowners.

It’s a good time to be a homeowner looking to incorporate energy efficiency technologies and renewable energy systems in their homes. This year’s Denver/Boulder 2010 Solar & Green Homes Tours shows how a variety of Metro Area residents, many of them middle-class homeowners, are seizing the moment to add value to their homes and reduce their carbon footprints at the same time.

WHEN: *Saturday, Sept. 25, 9am-4pm:* Organized by the Colorado Renewable Energy Society, 13 homes located in Denver’s City Park, North Denver, and in the Evergreen/Golden corridor are open to visitors. Register at two locations:

- NREL Visitors Center, 15013 Denver West Parkway, Golden
- Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver, 3245 Elliot, Denver.

Sunday, Sept. 26, 10am-4pm: Organized by the Center for ReSource Conservation, the second tour day features 13 homes in Boulder, Louisville, and Nederland. Register at three locations:

- Center for ReSource Conservation, 2639 Spruce St, Boulder
- Louisville Library, 951 Spruce St, Louisville
- Nederland Visitor Center, 2 West 1st Street, Nederland

COST:

Cost for the Boulder and Denver Tours are \$5 each per person.

Register for Denver at: <http://www.cres-energy.org/events/tour/>

and Boulder at: <http://www.conservationcenter.org/energy/tour.html>