

Contractor's Newsletter

2nd Quarter, 2008

City of Longmont, Colorado



2008 National Electrical Code

We are in the process of adopting the 2008 NEC. We anticipate Council approval and adoption by July 1, 2008.

WANNA GET SMARTER ... FOR FREE

The following trainings will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 1900 Ken Pratt Blvd, Longmont in the Silverthorne Room. RSVP



is required - please e-mail KarpK@bouldercolorado.gov

May 8th

- ⇒ Building Science Basics, Energy Star and Code Compliance
- ⇒ Advanced Techniques for High-Efficiency Homes
- ⇒ Deconstruction 101

The following training will be held at the REI Boulder Community Room at 1789 28th Street. RSVP is required - please e-mail KarpK@bouldercolorado.gov

May 20th

- ⇒ Incorporating HERS Rating and Energy Star in your Architectural Design

The following training site is TBD and is limited to 25 people. RSVP is required - please e-mail

KarpK@bouldercolorado.gov

May 29th

- ⇒ Building Science Field Training for Contractors

There is also the Colorado Energy Code Training Workshops on the 2003 & 2006 IECC. Workshops are being offered in 28 locations around the state between April 21st - June 20th.

To find a location near you, visit www.E-Star.com and click in IECC Code Training

You even get an IECC code book FREE

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

- 14 - Flag Day!
- 15 - Happy Father's Day!
- 21 - 1st Day of Summer! Yahoo!

JULY

- 4 - Independence Day! Have a fun & safe day!

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - Labor Day! - City offices will be closed!
- 7 - Grandparent's Day!
- 22 - First day of Autumn!

IT'S RENEWAL TIME !!

Contractor license renewal time is here and again this year class A, B, C general contractors and Mechanical contractors will need to complete and pass a Study Guide in order to renew.

Study Guides are now available on the City website, fax, e-mail or in the office and each will be 10 questions less than last year. All renewals **MUST BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 30th!** **DON'T BE LATE!!!**



LOOK WHAT'S NEW WITH LONGMONT POWER & COMMUNICATIONS ...

NET METERING AND INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS

There is rising interest among Longmont homeowners, commercial property owners and builders in customer-owned electric generation systems, such as solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and small wind turbines, that are interconnected with the city-owned electric distribution system.

Two events are expected to further increase local interest in customer-owned electric generation this year:

- 1) Governor Bill Ritter recently signed into law a bill requiring electric utilities to provide net metering and grid interconnection for customer-owned generation systems; and
- 2) Longmont Power & Communications (LPC), our municipal electric utility, expects to launch a residential solar PV incentive program in early June.

Grid interconnection enables customer-owned generation systems to send power onto the grid when energy production exceeds demand at the property, and for the property to draw power from the grid when energy demand exceeds system production.

Net metering simply enables the electric meter to run both forward and backward, debiting the property owner for power used from the distribution grid and crediting the property owner for power placed back onto the grid.

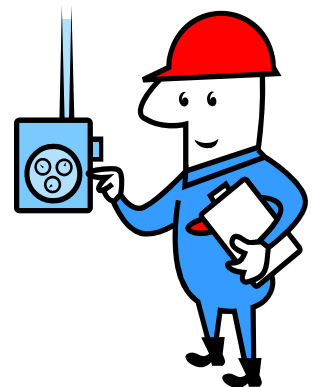
Net metering policies and grid interconnection standards have been developed by the utility industry, standards organizations and regulatory agencies. Interconnection standards are designed primarily to protect power quality and distribution grid integrity, and to ensure the safety of both consumers and utility workers.

LPC has established net metering rates for Longmont residential and commercial customers who own and operate their own generation equipment up to a maximum capacity of 50 kilowatts. LPC has also developed draft standards for the interconnection and parallel operation of distributed generation resources that will be submitted to City Council for adoption into the City code as part of the Regulations Governing Electric Service.

The Residential and Commercial Self Generation Rates are available on the LPC web site at www.ci.longmont.co.us/lpc, under Rates and Regulations. The draft interconnection standards are available on the LPC web site, under Electric Service Extensions and Upgrades.

Customer-owned generation systems, whether installed on existing buildings or as part of new construction, require a City of Longmont permit from the Building Inspections Division. Installations must meet NEC requirements and receive a final inspection release.

Grid interconnection requires a separate inspection and release by LPC engineering and metering staff. For more information, please contact LPC at 303-651-8386.



SPECIAL TRAINING FOR

THE GREEN BUILDING RATING SYSTEMS & STANDARDS

The City of Longmont Building Inspections Division will host a special L.E.E.D (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) training on May 14, 2008 between 8 - 9 in the morning. It will be held in the City Council Chambers located at 350 Kimbark Street. Hope to see you there!