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E-News

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Dear Kate,

We are excited to host our annual Green Drinks and Customer Appreciation Party at ReSource Boulder next week! Please join us for good food and music, and a great chance to check out the 6400 Arapahoe site. New to ReSource are the Tool Library and ReSource Loyalty Program.

We are gearing up for the 15th annual Boulder County Solar and Green Homes Tour next month. We have information on our tour and seminars, and the Denver Area Solar and Green Homes Tour. Tickets this year are only \$5.

Sincerely,

Kate Eckhardt, Outreach and Education Manager

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Green Drinks at ReSource August 31st



Join us at ReSource Boulder for an Old Fashioned BBQ

Come out to ReSource, Tuesday August 31st from 5:00-9:30 p.m. for free beer, local live music from John Beacher

Upcoming Events

August 30-September 3
[SEI's Straw Bale Construction & Natural Plasters workshop with Laura Bartels](#)

Tuesday, August 31
[Green Drinks at ReSource Boulder 5:00-9:30 p.m.](#)

Sunday, September 26
[15th Annual Boulder County Solar & Green Homes Tour](#)

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We use state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment to

and Friends, and an Old Fashioned Barbeque with a little ReSource flavor. All food will be purchased from Boulder Farmer's Market vendors, compliments of ReSource.

Come join us for great food, great music, and great conversation.

Brought to you by [Green Drinks Boulder](#).

Next Month!!! 15th Annual Boulder County Solar & Green Homes Tour

Sunday, September 26, 10am-4pm, only \$5 for the entire [Boulder County Tour](#).



Walk through thirteen County homes that are leaders in renewable energy and sustainable design. Many homes are moderate fixer-uppers this year, with many do-it-yourself energy upgrades. The Center for ReSource Conservation chose three homes in Central Boulder, one each in South Boulder and East Boulder, five homes near downtown Louisville, and three homes in Nederland. Points of interest are also included, along with discounts to local eateries (for example, the Wild Mountain Smokehouse & Brewery will be installing a solar thermal system to make the world's first batch of solar brew!).



Learn about how to take advantage of current incentives to secure energy costs into the future. Be inspired by simple energy efficiency upgrades to advanced renewable energy systems. Interact with homeowners and contractors to hear about the process. Walk away with ideas that can be put into actions at home!

Register today by clicking [here](#).

**A huge thank you to our Sponsors
who make this day possible:**

Xcel Energy, WellHome, City of Boulder, Governor's Energy Office, Barvista Building Systems, Namaste Solar, Simple Solar, Blue Valley Energy, Boulder County Business Report, ReDirect Guide, Custom Solar, Nielsen Design, Independent Power Systems, Eco Handyman, Southpaw Electric,

assess your home, perform installations, and guarantee your first year of energy savings.

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energyLogic, Cottonwood Custom Home Builders, Van Matre Construction, Aqua Care Solar, Whole Foods, Newmark Print, Sturz Copeland, PetraBee Construction, and Serious Materials.

Solar and Green Homes Tour Seminars

Tour Seminars take place at Center for ReSource Conservation, 2639 Spruce Street, Boulder

This year we are bookmarking tour day with a lead-in seminar and a how-to-take-action seminar. The Pre-Tour Seminar will educate participants on what to look for in tour homes, through a panel of building science experts and a walk-through of a home that recently had an energy audit. The Post-Tour Seminar will address new energy programs being subsidized by the County and City, as a result of the national "Retrofit Ramp-Up" grants. These programs will directly benefit homeowners and landlords, and you will learn how to use the incentives to jumpstart energy upgrades at home. Thank you to the Governor's Energy Office and City of Boulder for sponsoring these seminars.

Seminar #1: Energy Use in Green Retrofits vs. Conventional Homes - a Tour Preview

Wednesday, September 22, 5:30-8:30pm, \$25 (includes dinner)

In association with the Boulder Green Building Guild, as a Building On Site Seminar (BOSS) Event

[Register here.](#) (this event will sell out).



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Seminar #2: Applying Tour Technologies to Your Home & Available Incentives

Wednesday, September 29, 6-8pm, \$5

In association with Boulder County, announcing their new Residential Energy Program

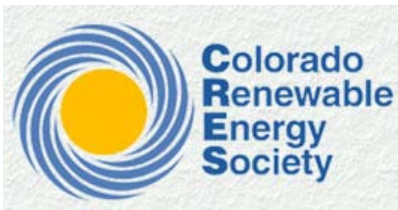
[Register here.](#)

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Denver Area Solar & Green Homes Tour

**Saturday, September 25,
9am-4pm, only \$5**



The Denver Area also has a host of events coordinated by the Colorado Renewable Energy Society (CRES). Along with 13 homes, they are putting together an expo at the NREL registration spot, a commercial solar tour, and a guided bus ride during the residential solar tour.

Learn more and register [here](#).

The ReSource Tool Library - coming soon!



It's been a busy month for the ReSource Tool Library. If you haven't already heard, the Tool Library is a brand new CRC program coming soon to the ReSource Yard at 6400 Arapahoe Avenue. The Tool Library, targeted for launch in early autumn, will

offer affordable tool-lending services to all Boulder County residents and nonprofit organizations. At the Tool Library patrons will access tools from a large and diverse inventory featuring hand tools, power tools, painting tools, plumbing tools, landscape and gardening tools, and more. By sharing resources the library will leverage communal purchasing power to 'do more with less', and help put tools in the hands of those with limited means. Learn more about this exciting new program at the [ReSource Tool Library website](#) - and stay tuned for our 'Community Tool Drives' in September!

Do you work for a Boulder nonprofit? - The Tool Library needs your input! With your input we will establish a robust and efficient tool-lending service that directly supports your missions and projects.

[Click here to participate in the ReSource Tool Library nonprofit survey](#)

Cast your vote for the Tool Library and help us win \$20,000!!

In early August we were pleased to announce that the ReSource Tool Library has been selected as a finalist for the 2010 Tom's of Maine "50 States for Good" Initiative! Each year the initiative awards \$100,000 in seed funding to support five grassroots community projects across the country. We've already bested more than 500 nationwide entries and we're now competing for the five top prizes - each worth \$20,000. Between August 4th and September 10th THE WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN BY YOU THE PUBLIC IN AN ONLINE VOTE, and the top vote-getters are each

guaranteed prize money. We intend to win and WE NEED YOUR VOTE TODAY AND EVERYDAY THIS MONTH to make it happen. (Voting takes less than 60 seconds.) Please visit and bookmark the link below, put a daily "note-to-vote" on your calendar, and help us kick-start the ReSource Tool Library by winning this unique nationwide competition!

[Vote for the ReSource Tool Library here](#)

ReSource Inspires

Thomas Milam is an artists and a regular ReSource customer. Working for American Recreational Products (Kelty, Sierra Designs, Slumberjack, Ultimate Direction, Wenger and Wenzel Brands), he took the initiative to decorate the office space with creative (ReSource-based) art. Check it out!



Visit the ReSource Yard in Boulder and sign up for the new Loyalty Program.

[Learn about the program benefits here.](#)

Center for ReSource Conservation's Mission statement

To empower our community to conserve natural resources.

Center for ReSource Conservation's Vision statement

A thriving community that understands the finite nature of natural resources and acts to conserve them.

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