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Save Energy and Money with One Phone Call

Residential Energy Action Program Provides Information

for Energy Efficiency Programs

BOULDER – The City of Boulder, Boulder County, the Governor's Energy Office, and the Center for Resource Conservation (CRC) are helping residents obtain rebates, tax credits and low-cost financing, when they make their homes more energy efficient.

The ClimateSmart program sponsored by the city of Boulder and Boulder County offers a Residential Energy Action Program (REAP), through CRC. J.C. Martel, Energy Efficiency Program Manager for CRC explains, “There are a variety of programs that will assist homeowners to improve their home’s energy efficiency. Homeowners just need to make one call to CRC at 303-999-3820 ext. 224 to learn about all of the programs, rebates and tax credits available.” One of the main programs offered is Insulate Colorado which is funded by the Governor’s Energy Office to encourage homeowners to insulate their homes.

Raj Seymore, who just purchased a home in Boulder called the CRC and received very helpful information. He said, “With just one phone call, the folks at CRC explained everything to me and made it very simple to get started. I look forward to a warmer home this winter thanks to them.”

Yael Gichon, Residential Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Boulder acknowledges, “We are aware that many people want to save money, reduce their energy consumption and decrease their carbon footprint. ClimateSmart’s Residential Energy

Action Program does exactly that. Funded by the local governments, REAP staff help homeowners develop an energy improvement plan based on their budget, taking into account which retrofits work best for their house.”

Some homeowners may even receive a free energy assessment from the Boulder County Energy Corps if their neighborhood is participating. These assessments will happen on Saturdays until the end of March 2010 and will include the installation of compact fluorescent light bulbs, programmable thermostats and low-flow showerheads.

In addition to calling CRC at 303-999-3820 ext. 224, homeowners can find energy saving tips at the ClimateSmart website, www.beClimateSmart.com. or can email nrg@conservationcenter.org with questions.

The Insulate Colorado Program is a collaborative effort between the City of Boulder, Boulder County, the Center for Resource Conservation, the Governor’s Energy Office, and Xcel Energy.

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