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## **New program offers rebates for energy-saving insulation and air sealing**

Residents throughout Boulder County can apply for a rebate for energy-saving residential insulation and air sealing projects completed on or after April 30. Funding for the rebates, which will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis, is contributed by the Governor's Energy Office (GEO) in partnership with the city of Boulder's ClimateSmart program, Boulder County and county municipalities.

Program details:

The GEO Insulate and Seal Program will be administered locally through Boulder's Center for ReSource Conservation (CRC); Rebates cover insulation in attics and/or exterior walls, and air sealing; The rebates cover 20 percent of the cost of the insulation and air sealing, up to a maximum of \$300; Rebates are first come, first served, while 2008 program budget lasts (funding should continue in 2009); Rebates are only for installations begun after April 30; In the city of Boulder only, a prerequisite for the rebate is a Residential Energy Audit through the REAP program or Home Performance with ENERGY STAR assessment; and A prerequisite for all program participants is that residents must select an insulation contractor that has attended GEO's insulation and air sealing seminar. A list of qualified contractors will be available at [www.conservationcenter.org](http://www.conservationcenter.org). Residents can apply by visiting the CRC Web site at [www.conservationcenter.org](http://www.conservationcenter.org) or by calling 303-441-3278, ext. 24.

Background:

ClimateSmart programs promote energy efficiency, renewable energy and alternative transportation options to households and businesses in Boulder and Boulder County. For more information about ClimateSmart programs and services, visit [www.beClimateSmart.com](http://www.beClimateSmart.com) or [www.environmentalaffairs.com](http://www.environmentalaffairs.com).

Boulder County Sustainable Energy Plan: On April 24, governments representing 97 percent of Boulder County's population launched the Consortium of Cities Sustainable Energy Plan, which recommends key actions to significantly reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions countywide.

Residential Energy Audits and the Insulate and Seal Program are among the "early action" strategies listed in the plan. To view the entire Sustainable Energy Plan, visit [www.bouldercounty.org/sustain](http://www.bouldercounty.org/sustain).