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Smart Grid house featured on Sunday's solar tour

Residents can get a look at one of Boulder's first 'smart' homes

By Caitlin Coleman, For the Camera
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If you go

What: Tour of Solar and Green Homes

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday

Where: Begins at the Center for ReSource Conservation office at 2639 Spruce St., Boulder

Cost: \$10; free for kids younger than 18

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www.conservationscenter.org/assets/forms/solarweek

Boulder and the nation have been buzzing with talk of Xcel Energy's new Smart Grid, but it's still an abstraction for most people — not many have actually seen a "smart" home.

Curious folks will now have the chance to visit a Smart Grid house at the Center for ReSource Conservation's annual Tour of Solar and Green Homes.

The tour covers 14 houses, including one of the first Boulder homes equipped with Smart Grid technology.

By being on the tour, they're going to be able to see what some of this equipment looks like," said Andrew McKenna, owner of the Smart Grid home on the tour. "That always helps people understand what it is."

McKenna installed the Smart Grid technology in his house two years ago, before Xcel began transforming Boulder into its first "Smart Grid city." McKenna has the same technology that Xcel is offering to its customers made by a company called GridPoint.

On the tour, McKenna will exhibit his whole-house meter, which monitors all the energy consumed by his household and the amount of energy that his solar system is putting back on the grid. He will also be able to show people his load manager, with which he can use the Web to access energy consumption — down to the circuit level — so he can see how much energy individual appliances use.

"It empowers you to make decisions about how a home uses energy," McKenna said. "It will help enable homeowners to conserve energy in their own homes by giving them information."

Xcel will bring a trailer full of equipment, engineers and scientists to the Tour of Solar and Green Homes to explain the Smart Grid options.

Keith Desrosiers, executive director of the Center for ReSource Conservation, said the technology is a "tremendous opportunity for our community."

The infrastructure will soon be in place throughout Boulder. Now, Smart Grid is reaching more and more neighborhoods where people are receiving letters, asking if they want the equipment that McKenna already has to monitor and meter household energy use.



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