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Executive Director Report

Who doesn't want to be an innovator? Innovation might be an overused word, but at CRC we help people find practical ways to reduce their impact on the environment, improve their quality of life and save money. We're also in the process of trying to find ways to expand our impact and reach throughout the Front Range. For example, the challenge of expanding the sales (and corresponding environmental impact) of Garden-In-A-Box has forced us to think more creatively, and begin identifying new partners, new ways to promote the product, and new services. The resulting effect is that more people have purchased the Garden-In-A-Box this year than at any time in CRC's history, and they will now be planted by residents of Fort Collins, Aurora and Denver for the first time - "1/2 the cost of a comparable garden, at 1/2 the water" as our slogan now says.

Another extension of Garden-In-A-Box is that CRC is also now offering garden consultation services to people who are interested in getting their gardens designed, installed or improved. Demand for this service is already high, and this one-on-one service is described in more detail [on our website](#).

Sincerely,



Keith Frausto
Executive Director

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Call to Artists, ReVisions Art Show



ReSource Fort Collins is hosting ReVisions, an art show that could feature your work. [Visit our website](#) to find out how to submit your

Upcoming Event

ReSource Conservation Fair Saturday, May 7 at [ReSource Boulder](#) including classes, vendors and plants.

ReVisions Art Show Fort Collins ReSource presents a month-long art exhibit followed by a reception at New Belgium Brewery.



CRC Websites

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www.resourceyard.org

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artwork for consideration. [ReVisions Art Show](#) begins on June 3 and art will be displayed all month. The event will end with a closing event at New Belgium Brewery on July 1.

Join Us for May Garden-In-A-Box Events

May is planting month, so come celebrate it with the CRC! We have 8 garden pick up events. If you're interested in



buying low-water requiring plants, checking out [Gardens-In-A-Box](#), or learning about sustainable landscaping, then these events are for you.

Of particular note is Boulder's pickup **this Saturday May 7th**. We'll have plant sales and pickup, over 20 vendors,

planting demonstrations, and a class on building raised beds. The event runs from 9:30am to 3pm at [ReSource](#) Boulder, 6400 Arapahoe Ave.

The full list of events is:

BOULDER: May 7th 9:30-3pm at 6400 Arapahoe Rd.

FORT COLLINS: May 7th 9:30-1pm at 2145 Centre Ave.

LONGMONT: May 14th 9:30-1pm at 747 Coffman St.

LOVELAND: May 14th 9:30-1pm at 200 N. Wilson Ave.

AURORA: May 21st 9:30-1:00 at 13646 E Ellsworth Ave.

GOLDEN: May 21st 9:30-1pm at 1465 10th St.

WESTMINSTER: May 21st 9:30-1pm at 100th Avenue and Simms St.

DENVER: June 4th 9:30-1pm at 5570 East 56th Avenue, Commerce City

EnergySmart: Your Efficiency Solutions!

Are you interested a hassle-free way to improve your home's comfort and cut energy waste? **Join over 1200 Boulder County homes** already saying YES to EnergySmart!



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Your Efficiency Solutions

Act now and take advantage of **limited-time EnergySmart rebates of up to \$1,000**, available only until July 31!

EnergySmart also has 2.5% interest microloans up to \$5000

available for eligible home energy improvements. These rebates and loans are available to EnergySmart customers only. **Don't miss out!**

When you sign up for EnergySmart, you will receive a **Home Energy Assessment**, conducted by a certified Energy Specialist, for only \$120. Your Assessment will uncover your unique energy saving opportunities, and connect you with your personal Energy Advisor who will help you along every step of the process.

Your Advisor offers these **FREE** additional services:

- Expert help with **contractor selection** and bid evaluation
- Knowledgeable assistance with **rebates and financing** (they'll even fill out the paperwork for you!)
- Installation of **FREE** energy-saving items, including energy-saving light bulbs, water-saving showerheads, and water pipe insulation.

What are others saying about EnergySmart?

"I've enjoyed my EnergySmart experience, especially working with Dave, my Energy Advisor from Populus. He's been like a personal project manager, making the energy upgrade process much easier than if my wife and I were on our own. Dave reviewed our energy audit, helped us schedule our contractors, and came out to quality-check the work when it was done. And he changed out our light bulbs. For all that service, EnergySmart would have been worth paying for, but that's best part - it's free!"

- Aron Ralston, author and public speaker, EnergySmart participant

EnergySmart isn't just for homes. **Over 400 businesses in Boulder County have participated in EnergySmart.**

EnergySmart now has \$450,000 in rebates available for commercial energy upgrades - everything from HVAC to refrigeration to roof insulation, and more. **Don't miss out on limited-time rebates available only for EnergySmart customers!**

Sign up today!

Residents, call 303-544-1000

Businesses, call 877-505-6722

Or visit us at EnergySmartYES.com

Worried about your sprinkler system this summer?

Schedule a Slow the Flow Irrigation Inspection today!

Concerned about the health of your sprinkler system?



Worried about a high water bill?



A [Slow the Flow Irrigation Inspection](#) can help you solve your problems. We'll send a professionally-trained sprinkler inspector to your house. They'll spend two hours with you inspecting your sprinkler system and teaching you how it works. You'll receive a customized watering schedule, recommendations for improvements, and an overall assessment of the system. In some communities, HOAs and commercial properties are also eligible for an inspection.

Inspections are free for customers of many Front Range water providers. [Sign up today!](#)

Get out your tool belt---Tool School is in session!

[Tool School](#) is the CRC's newest educational outreach program designed to teach tool skills across a wide range of project applications. Tool School is now offering more than 50 classes in five tracks: Tool Skills, Garden & Landscape, Tools for Efficiency, Green home DIY, and Tools for Kids. [Sign up for a class today!](#)

Classes are held at the [ReSource Yard](#) at 6400 Arapahoe Rd.

For more information please contact the [ReSource Tool Library](#) at 303.419.8534 or ToolLibrary@resourceyard.org



CRC Takes Green Race One Step Further

On Sunday, May 1st the CRC celebrated our 9th Annual Earth Day Run/Walk on the campus of the CU Environmental Center. This year, the CRC really tried to "walk the walk" by putting on "**The Greenest 5k in Boulder!**" We were fortunate to have great weather and some really fast,



enthusiastic and conservation minded runners! Nearly 165 runners participated in our greening efforts including recycling shoes, walking/biking to the race and bringing their own water bottles to go cupless! AND nearly 40 of Boulder's greenest kids (under 12) participated in either the full 5k or some of our Green Kids Runs. Save the date for 2012-April 22nd!!!

[\(Click here to see some great pics of the race on the CRC's Facebook page.\)](#)

Thanks to our great sponsors and great volunteers who helped make this a success!

Solar Tour is Accepting Applicants

We are presently accepting applications through May 22nd. If your home features elements that exemplify CRC's mission to conserve natural resources focusing in the areas of conserving water, and energy, and diverting waste, please apply for consideration. See instructions and get application [on our website](#).

Center for ReSource Conservation's Mission To empower our community to conserve natural resources.

Center for ReSource Conservation's Vision
A thriving community that understands the finite nature of natural resources and acts to conserve them.

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