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Green Fact

Want to green your office? Every ton of recycled office paper saves approximately 380 gallons of oil. Want more green facts? www.greenfactoftheday.com

News, Announcements and Resources

Recharge Colorado Rebate Overview
Rebate availability is limited by county. Click here to find out availability in your region of the state. ALL rebates must be submitted by October 1st.

For more information, visit www.RechargeColorado.com or call 1-800-462-0184.

Plants=Better Indoor Air Quality in Your Home
One of the easiest, and most effective, techniques for cleaner indoor air, is to decorate with live houseplants. Good indoor air quality can be an important factor in individual health. In addition to providing more oxygen and maintaining consistent humidity levels in the air, plants have been found to reduce indoor air quality. Continue reading the article from Ezine Articles for the most effective 11 plants to choose from here.

Green Electronics All Around
The EPEAT® green electronics rating system (www.epeat.net) has launched a new website and logo to mark the start of its sixth year of growth and service as the world's definitive environmental rating system for electronic products. EPEAT is the premier global registry for greener electronics, covering the most products from the broadest range of manufacturers. Only EPEAT combines comprehensive criteria for design, production, energy use and recycling with ongoing independent verification of manufacturer claims. More than 45 participating manufacturers currently register over 3,200 unique products across 41 countries. Read more from WebWire here.

The SAVE Act Gathers Broad-based Support
In today's heated Washington, DC environment, it's not often that groups like the Center for American Progress and the Chamber of Commerce are on the same page. But that's what is happening with the "SAVE" Act (Sensible Accounting to Value Energy), which could be a key long-term driver of growth in energy efficiency retrofits. Continue reading the Efficiency First blog post.

Audit to Incentives
Read the Smart Energy Living article to get a quick break down of resources and steps to start increasing the efficiency of your home, all in a more cost effective manner.

Utilities Work to Save Energy
Read the SWEEP Report on efficiency programs of various utilities designed to support energy retrofits and reduction in energy consumption from utility customers. The report focuses on utilities located in states in the Southwest that effect approximately 8.1 million housing units. Programs implemented by Questar Gas Company and Fort Collins Utilities are highlighted for their flexibility, thoroughness and high energy savings.

Download Residential Retrofit Programs report.

Debunking Energy Myths
A few common energy myths dispelled. Read the Xcel Energy blog.

Careers &Trainings

Industry Trainings
Lightly Treading is offering Building Analyst, Building Envelope Professional, Level I Thermography, and Residential Whole House Air Leakage Control Installer (aka Insulation and Air Sealing) certification classes. Our goal is to train industry professionals to critically think about homes and provide high quality solutions that meet the needs of homeowners. Please view our website for more information and schedule updates.

Upcoming Classes:

Level I Thermography:

This training provides valuable skills and knowledge for building inspectors, building analysts, home performance improvement contractors and related careers. Students will complete the class with the nationally recognized ANST Level I Thermography Certification and the ability to "think behind" the surface being analyzed. Training retails at $1600.

Building Envelope: Fall 2011 – Enrollment Open

This course will train and test students for the nationally recognized BPI Building Envelope Professional certification. Students will learn necessary steps to pressurize the envelope and diagnose problems and recommend improvements for indoor air quality and improved efficiency. The certification is the next step for those already certified as BPI Building Analysts. Our training program stands out with the significant amount of prep materials provided to students. Course fee includes text books, online prep material, quizzes and practice exam from Saturn Resource Management, AND access to online simulation training for combustion appliance safety testing from InterplayEnergy. Training retails at $1500.

Building Analyst: October 17-24th – Enrollment Open

This course will train and test students for the nationally recognized BPI Building Analyst certification. This certification is a prerequisite for becoming a successful building analyst or efficiency contractor. Our training program stands out with the significant amount of prep materials provided to students. Course fee includes text books, online prep material, quizzes and practice exam from Saturn Resource Management, AND access to online simulation training for combustion appliance safety testing from InterplayEnergy. Training retails at $2050.

Residential Building Envelope Whole House Air Leakage Control Installer (RBE-WHALCI): Fall/Winter 2011 – Enrollment Open

This course will train and test students for the nationally recognized BPI RBE-WHALCI. This national certification is the first BPI standard for the air sealing and insulation industry within efficiency and weatherization. This certification is designed for entry level efficiency and weatherization contractors to develop their skills to properly air seal and insulate residential homes or small commercial buildings. Training retails at $2200.

If you, your staff, or associates would benefit from any of these trainings please contact Mark Palmer, MarkP@LightlyTreading.com 303-733-3078 x302, or Alex Kellogg, AlexK@LightlyTreading.com 303-733-3078 x308, to learn more.

Business Development Series: Make Your Business Profitable and Sustainable
Friday Morning Series starts October 7th
Low cost, comprehensive 10-session business planning series for green building businesses!!! Presented by Boulder Green Building Guild & The Small Business Development Center. Boulder County Is Subsidizing 10 Seats for Green Building Professionals, especially those engaged in the EnergySmart Program!! Registration & more info

Community Energy Exchange Building Science Mentoring
October 21-22
Easter Seals Rocky Mountain Village: Empire, CO
Industry professionals will provide mentoring on building science related to BPI Building Analyst certification while helping to enhance the efficiency of the Easter Seals Rocky Mountain Village. Cost is $85 and includes food and lodging. For more details and to register click here.

Job Openings:
GB3 Energy Solutions: Field Technician
GB3 Energy Solutions is seeking qualified candidates to work on weatherizing existing homes in the Denver Metro Area. The majority of the work performed by GB3 Energy Solutions consists of air sealing, insulation and ventilation. Most of this work is performed in attics and crawlspaces. Please contact GB3 Field Director Kris Sparks (kris@gb3energy.com or 720.308.0595)

Career Resource Center
Career assessments, profiles, and resources to help you find a career in the Home Performance sector that is right for you. View the Home Performance Resource Center's website here.

Job Resources:
Green Jobs Resource page on the Governor's Energy Office's website Recharge Colorado
Efficiency First Home Performance Job Board
BGBG Job/Classifieds Board
USGBC Volunteer Opportunities
Jobs with accredited contracting companies- See opportunities to work with the best among the home performance industry.

ENERGY STAR Webinars
New standards are coming out for ENERGY STAR certified homes and Indoor AirPlus. Stay informed on new guidelines by attending webinars from ENERGY STAR explaining the changes. Visit their website for details and registration.

Next Webinar: September 28th, 2-3pm EST: Building Homes Under Version 3

CSU Institute for the Built Environment Professional Development Classes
Certificate courses include: Green Building Certificate, Green Homes Certificate, Living/Green Roofs Certificate. Online Class Modules include: LEED® Green Associates Exam Prep, Efficient Energy Systems & Daylighting Course, HVAC Systems Course, Renewable Energy Systems Course. Find details and registration here.

Upcoming Events

GreenBuilder Magazine Impact Series: Game Changers in Sustainability
Tuesday September 27th- 1 PDT/ 4EDT
Webinar
Bill Ruckelshaus has been a pivotal player in the development of environmental policy in the U.S. since the inception of the Environmental Protection Agency in 1970, where he served as the Agency's first Administrator until 1973. Don't miss this exclusive interview with Mr. Ruckelshaus as he shares his thoughts on how we can improve current environmental policies and how we can implement a viable and comprehensive national sustainability strategy that suits today's needs. Register for this free webinar at: www.greenbuildermag.com/impactseries

Fracking and Green Energy Development Impacts to Natural Resources
Rocky Mountain Association of Environmental Professionals Webinar
Wednesday September 28th : 11am- 12:30pm MST
RMAEP is excited to host the second in a two-part webinar series from the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) of formations for the production of Natural Gas and Oil. More information about the webinar content is available here .

BGBG Kicks off the CRC 2011 Tour of Sustainable Homes with an EnergySmart BOSS for Homeowners
September 28, 2011 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Learn how the new EnergySmart program in Boulder County has helped this homeowner increase both comfort and efficiency. Register for this Seminar only $5!!

The Importance and Celebration of Community Planning
Each October the American Planning Association and the City of Lakewood celebrate National Community Planning Month to show the important role that planning plays in communities across the country. Please plan to attend FREE Community Planning Month events in Lakewood and films such as "Make No Little Plans: Daniel Burnham and the American City" on October 5, "The Greenest Building" on October 12, "Designing A Great Neighborhood: Behind the Scenes at Holiday" on October 19 and "Reshaping the Suburban Landscape: A Documentary" on October 26. More information can be found at here.

Center for Resource Conservation: Boulder Tour of Sustainable Homes
Sunday October 2nd: 10am-2pm
Starts at 2639 Spruce St, Boulder
This is the premier opportunity for Boulder County residents and homeowners to see firsthand that sustainable homes are comfortable, practical, reliable and affordable! Tour participants have the opportunity to interact with homeowners, builders, contractors, installers, sustainability nonprofits—and fellow community members—who have the experience and knowledge in making homes sustainable and make it **easy** to understand ways to live sustainably. Buy tickets and learn more here.

Other Solar/Sustainable Home Tours
- SECRES Pikes Peak Tour of Sustainable Buildings, Saturday October 1st
  http://secres.org/events/pikespeaktour.html>
- NCRES FoCo Eco Cruise, Saturday, October 8th
  https://sites.google.com/a/ncres.org/home/home

Energy Innovation and Big Energy Seminar Series Presents: Jason Bordoff
Wittemyer Courtroom, Wolf Law Building, University of Colorado
Tuesday October 4th: 4:30-5:30pm
Jason Bordoff Associate Director for Energy and Climate Change, White House Council on Environmental Quality; Senior Advisor for Energy and Environmental Policy, National Economic Council. Click Here for more information.

Green Schools Summit 2011
Friday, October 28th
Denver
The Green Schools Summit provides a unique opportunity for open dialogue between K-12 stakeholders, policy makers, and green building industry professionals. Register here.

Energy Savers Workshop
FREE Energy Savers workshop and learn low-cost energy-saving tips, coordinated by Colorado Interfaith Power & Light with support from the GEO. The workshop is directed to those 55+, but all are welcome to attend. Click here to find date and location of an event near you.

Colorado Sustainability Calendar
Over 40 upcoming sustainability events for 2011 are already listed on the Colorado Sustainability Calendar. Visit the calendar to plan your year, and to add your sustainability events. Events can now be sorted by city or topic, so you can more easily find activities that are relevant to you.

Green Drinks
Social networking for the environmentally conscious on the last Thursday of every month. For details click here.

Wirth Chair Sustainability Series
1st Tuesday of the Month @ 6:00 pm; Wynkoop Brewery; details

Upcoming Events for Industry Professionals

Build a Sales Force That Delivers Growth and Profit
Thursday, September 29, 2011 2:00pm - 3:30pm Eastern (11:00am-12:30pm Pacific)
This webinar qualifies for up to 1.5 BPI CEUs
Discover how to hire and develop a team to deliver the profit making sales that your company needs to expand and prosper. Learn more here.

How to Hire a Home Performance Super Star: Best Practices for Building Your Home Performance Team
Tuesday, October 4th @ 1:00pm EASTERN / 10:00am PACIFIC
This webinar will provide participants with strategies on how to best hire professionals to fit you company's needs. Topics will include: leveraging hiring incentives; accessing Efficiency First's Hiring Toolkit - which provides effective ways to attract and screen the right candidates; and ways that job training programs can work well with Home Performance companies to offer opportunities to qualified job seekers.
FREE for Efficiency First Members: Click Here to Sign Into Your Account & Register! Non-Efficiency First Members are invited to join this webinar for a $50 fee. Please click here access non-member registration.

Motivating Contractors to Participate
EGIA Webinar October 6th
12:00pm – 1:30pm (MST)
Energy efficiency programs that aim to create customer awareness are sometimes undermined by contractors who "sell around" a program they deem unworthy. Learn how to engage contractors and increase the success of energy efficiency programs. Details.

5th Rocky Mountain *(formerly Colorado)* Utility Efficiency Exchange
October 12-14, 2011
Aspen Meadows Resort
The event goal is to facilitate a networking and professional development conference for staff representatives of energy and water utilities serving Colorado and neighboring states who are responsible for developing and implementing customer programs related to energy/water efficiency, renewable energy, demand response and key account customer management. Anyone is welcome to recommend themselves or others to present a 30"x 40" poster, a 10-minute Snapshot panel presentation, or a 30-minute presentation.
Learn more about the event here.
Submit your agenda idea here.

Making "Green" Healthy and "Healthy" Green
October 24, 2011
Veteran's Green Jobs Center: Denver, CO: 2647 W. 6th Ave
Learn how to work toward the dual goal of increasing energy efficiency and providing healthy, safe conditions for workers and occupants from key industry professionals. For more information and to register click here.

ACI Home Energy Trainer Conference 2011
November 1-2
Charlotte, North Carolina
Learn more.

Resources

Alliance for Sustainable Colorado – Sustainability Calendar of Events
Building Performance Podcast- Trends in High Performance Building & Retrofits
Boulder Green Building Guild (BGBG)
Center for Resource Conservation (CRC)
Colorado Renewable Energy Society (CRES)
Alliance for Sustainable Colorado (CASBA) – Links to green job searches & social networking, and more.

Learn about sustainability legislation.
Looking for Green Blogs? GreenExpo365.com Blog arena
RESNET Blog- Keep up to date on Green Building developments here and abroad.

Check out past issues of the LT newsletter here.

Don't Forget

Xcel Energy sponsored energy efficiency presentations are available for free to Xcel Energy customers, groups of ten or more. Call Lightly Treading to set one up.

Thank you for being a part of our grassroots community.
Sincerely,
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And the Staff of Lightly Treading

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