

PRESS RELEASE

Live Your Dream!

Picture your sustainable dream home - comfortable, efficient and beautiful - a place where you and your family can live a healthier lifestyle that supports the community, takes on the changing climate, and saves significant money over time. The benefits of a green home are immense and the savings are tempting. But how do you start?

The easy first step is to experience the Metro Denver Green Homes Tour. Take advantage of this once-a-year opportunity to see how your neighbors are already enjoying better living in appealing, sustainable homes.

Join the self-guided tour from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 4th for just \$15 per adult or \$25 per couple. Follow the maps in the guide book to visit your choice of exceptional homes at your own pace, in Arvada, Golden, Lakewood, Louisville and Superior. Explore creatively retrofitted older homes, innovative new-builds, and post-Marshall-fire homes rebuilt to fit the latest sensible, energy efficient building codes and designs.

From small, achievable improvements to highly efficient “net zero” homes that create more energy than they use, find out how common-sense sustainability brings about comfort and savings every day! Learn what your current home can become while exploring key features to look for in your next home.

Learn how free, dependable solar power and battery systems shield you from brownouts and blackouts, while mitigating expensive utility time-of-use rates. Explore passive solar strategies, solar hot water technology and radiant floor heating.

See the latest heat pump technologies that efficiently heat AND cool entire homes using energy from the earth and air - like magic! Check out an efficient heat-pump clothes dryer; an EPA-rated wood stove; a gourmet induction stove; natural interior sun-lighting; high efficiency windows; native, xeric, water-wise landscaping; rain collection; and creative pollinator habitats.

Explore clean, quiet electric lawn equipment, practical E-bikes and low maintenance electric cars, all saving time and money via home charging. Investigate state-of-the art construction materials and techniques such as high-comfort insulation and air sealing; energy recovery ventilation (ERV); indoor air quality monitoring; electrical panel/circuit monitoring; non-toxic paint, natural plaster; earthen block construction; permeable paving; and fire-wise ember-resistant attic venting.

On top of monthly savings, find out how current government and utility incentives make it even more affordable to improve your home life. Heads up: Some incentives are running out! Learn which ones to benefit from NOW!

After the tour, plan to attend the FREE Reception & Green Expo from 4:30-6:30pm at the Jefferson Unitarian Church (JUC), 14350 W 32nd Av Golden, CO. Enjoy free appetizers, local beverages and live music while networking with others seeking to live a more green and maintainable lifestyle. See renewable energy and sustainable-living exhibits; a mini-electric home demo unit; and sleek electric bicycles. From 3pm-5pm you can see a variety of smooth, powerful electric cars that let you say

goodbye to expensive engine, transmission and exhaust system repairs, annoying oil changes, and stinky gas stations forever!

During your tour, talk to the homeowners and gain from their experiences and advice. Learn from builders and suppliers about the latest techniques and technologies. Find your inspiration at the Metro Denver Green Homes Tour! It's your ticket to sustainable success!

Reserve your spot today at MetroDenverGreenHomesTour.org. Or, register in person the day of the tour at the JUC, while enjoying delicious cookies from that morning's SunOvens demonstration.