

Local Sustainability Resources

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Many Town programs, organizations, groups, and facilities support residents in conserving resources and embracing sustainable practices. Here is a brief selection highlighting a few of these programs and opportunities.

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REBATES & DISCOUNTS

IRA Rebates and Discounts

The IRA was passed in 2022 with a record 42.5 billion in funds to invest in climate action, air quality, and environmental justice. Rebates and tax credits are now available for energy efficiency upgrades, including heat pump installations, home insulation upgrades, EV purchases, and more!

To see what federal incentives you may qualify for, check out Rewiring America’s [IRA Savings Calculator](#). You can also check out ENERGY STAR’s [Federal Tax Credits website](#) for information on how to claim tax credits.

The State of Colorado also offers [Inflation Reduction Act Tax Credits & Incentives](#).

Xcel Energy Home Rebates

Xcel Energy is offering residential customers rebates for energy-efficiency upgrades and improvements, including installing smart thermostats, switching out your lightbulbs to LEDs, and installing heat pump water heaters. Learn more about your rebate and discount options on [Xcel’s Home Rebate page](#).

Electric Outdoor Equipment Discount

Take advantage of the state’s new 30% point of sale discount on electric lawn equipment. Whether you are looking to replace a lawn mower, snow blower, or other outdoor yard equipment, you can find more information about the discount and a list of participating retailers [here](#).



Boulder County Residential Rebates

As a resident of Boulder County, you have access to a number of County-funded sustainability rebates. If you are interested in installing heat pumps, upgrading your insulation or water heating systems, or looking into solar for your house, visit [EnergySmart's website](#) to learn more.

State of Colorado E-Bike Discount

Beginning on April 1, 2024, all Colorado residents will be eligible to receive a \$450 point-of-sale discount on qualifying e-bikes from participating retailers across the state. Learn more from the [State Energy Office](#).

Water Efficiency Rebates

Superior homeowners can receive rebates for upgrading certain water-conserving products, including high efficiency shower heads and dishwashers, smart sprinkler systems, and more. Residents need to submit an application and receipts for their upgraded fixtures. Once approved, the rebate will be applied in the form of a credit to the utility bill. Visit [Superior's Water Efficiency Rebate Program page](#) to learn more.

ZERO WASTE

Please note: all times and dates are correct as of July 2024. Please visit the facility websites to confirm hours and accepted items.

Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM)

Eco-Cycle manages the [Center for Hard to Recycle Materials](#), and you can recycle items like electronics, appliances, mattresses, Styrofoam, plastic film, metal and more. This location can also accept compost drop-offs. There is a \$3 facility fee for drop-off, with additional costs for some items.

Address: 6400 Arapaho Road, Boulder, CO 80303

Hours: Monday – Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Hazardous Materials Management Facility (HMMF)

The [HMMF](#) accepts your paint, household chemicals, batteries, bulbs and more year-round. The Town helps pay for this facility, so it is free to Superior residents.

Address: 1901 63rd St, Boulder, CO 80301

Hours: Wednesday – Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Boulder County Recycling Center

If you have a lot of recycling or those cardboard boxes are piling up, you can bring them to the [Recycling Center](#). You can also tour the facility's Education Center and learn how items get recycled!

Address: 1901 63rd Street, Boulder, CO 80301

Hours: Recycle Drop-off Center: 24 hours, seven days a week. Education Center: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Town of Superior Yard Waste Site

Superior residents can drop off yard waste, lawn clippings, and other organic materials at the Town's [Yard Waste Site](#). While supplies last, there is also free compost available in the spring.

Address: 2125 Honey Creek Lane, Superior, CO 80027

Hours: Wednesdays (2 p.m. to dusk), Saturdays and Sundays (8 a.m. to dusk)

A-Z Recycling Guide

Not sure where to put a piece of waste? Type the name of the item into [Eco-Cycle's A-Z Recycling Guide](#) to quickly learn the best place to recycle or dispose of it in Boulder County.

Curbside Composting in Superior

Superior residents can opt into year-round curbside composting. There is an additional cost on top of the fee for your regular trash and recycling service, and you must call [Waste Connections](#) at 303-288-2100 to set up the service. You will receive a 96-gallon compost cart, picked up bi-weekly.

Materials Reuse Facility

Resource Central has a [Materials Reuse Facility](#) that accepts and resells a variety of donated items such as lumber, cabinetry, old doors, windows, and even tubs & sinks. Visit www.ResourceCentral.org to learn more about all their programs and facilities.

Address: 6400 Arapahoe Rd, Boulder, CO 80303

Hours: Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Weekly Building Materials Pickup

The Town has partnered with Resource Central to provide free, weekly donation pickups on Tuesdays for excess building materials like cabinet sets, working appliances, lumber, and more. [View accepted materials](#) and schedule your free, tax-deductible pickup [via this form](#).

Art Parts Creative Reuse Center

[Art Parts](#) accepts donations of unwanted or surplus creative materials, including fabric, yarn, paints, tools, beads, and more. Supplies are offered at deeply discounted prices, making creativity more accessible!

Address: 3080 Valmont Road, Boulder, CO 80301

Hours: Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sunday 12 – 5 p.m.



ENERGY

EnergySmart

EnergySmart is a free advising program through Boulder County that assists residents with advisor support, information and rebates on renewable heating and cooling (including information on heat pumps), electric vehicles, installing solar panels, available incentives and much more. Visit www.EnergySmartYes.com or call 303-544-1000 to learn more.

EnergySmart also has an advisor specifically for those who are rebuilding after the Marshall Fire and want free help from a neutral third party on incentives, codes, building science, construction strategies, specific material choices, cost-effectiveness and more. Visit <https://rebuildingbetter.org> for more information.

Boulder County's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)

Boulder County assists low-income families and individuals with their heating costs through their LEAP program, which accepts applications from Nov 1 through April 30. Both renters and homeowners can apply. To see if you are eligible and to apply for the program, visit the [LEAP](#) webpage.

EnergySage

EnergySage is a completely online platform where homeowners can receive and compare multiple quote on services like solar and heat pump installation before deciding which installer is best for them. The service allows you to compare costs, and request quotes from local contractors; all at no-cost and with objective, expert guidance provided along the way. Visit <https://www.energysage.com/> to learn more.

Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC)

EOC helps income-qualified residents pay energy bills, assists with emergency heating system repairs, improves efficiency at affordable housing units and facilitates access to community solar programs, among other items. Visit www.EnergyOutreach.org to learn more.

Weatherization Assistance Program

The Colorado Energy Office helps qualified Coloradans implement energy conservation solutions in their homes. These can include energy audits, home insulation, LED lightbulb replacements, heat pumps, and more. For more information and to apply online, visit the state's [Weatherization Assistance Program](#) page.



TRANSPORTATION

EV CO

[EV CO](#) is an electric vehicle (EV) education initiative from the state of Colorado. Learn more about incentives, find the right electric vehicle for you and more.

Drive Electric Colorado

[Drive Electric Colorado](#) offers one-on-one EV coaching and hosts many local events to check out EVs in person in no-pressure environments. They can also help with incentives and offer EV solutions to businesses.

Commuting Solutions

[Commuting Solutions](#) is a regional nonprofit that offers commuting and transportation options for residents. Whether your preferred method of travel is biking, public transit, or driving, Commuting Solutions can point you to many options and programs available to commuters and residents.

RTD Local and Regional Transit

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) services eight counties, including Boulder and Denver, and residents can use their [trip planner](#) to easily plan trips using public transportation. Visit [RTD's service page](#) to learn more.

Electric Vehicle Charging

There are many charging stations around Boulder County that you can use to charge your EV or plug-in hybrid. There are many publicly available maps that showcase charging stations and you can view a map and information on the [five Town-owned charging stations in Superior](#).

WATER

Northern Water Conservation and Landscaping Programs

Northern Water created [Landscape Templates](#) for rebuilds, existing yards, and new developments. While these six scalable landscape templates were created specifically for the diverse neighborhoods impacted by the Marshall Fire, these designs can also be a great asset to HOAs or anyone looking for free water-wise landscaping designs.

You can see other water efficiency programs offered by Northern Water [here](#), including [water fact sheets](#), landscape renovation resources, and more.



Resource Central

The Town sponsors several programs in partnership with Resource Central and provides additional rebates to residents. These programs are seasonal and all rebates are first come, first serve and while supplies last. Water conservation programs offered include:

- [Slow the Flow](#): residents can gain knowledge about their sprinkler system, get a customized watering schedule and reduce water waste with an on-site, no-cost sprinkler evaluation.
- [HOA and business sprinkler evaluations](#): qualifying business and HOA properties can receive complete visual inspection of their system, identifying problem areas as well as performing several tests on the system to create an efficient watering schedule for the property. You will get a comprehensive report at the end.
- [Lawn Replacement](#): remove at least 200 square feet of lawn either yourself or with the help of Resource Central's team and receive up to \$500 in incentives.
- [Garden in a Box](#): professionally designed, waterwise garden kits tailor-made for Colorado yards.
- [Waterwise seminars](#): Free, online Waterwise Yard Seminars taught by local landscape and horticultural professionals.

Resource Central is also partnering with Community Foundation Boulder County to offer perennial, waterwise Garden In A Box kits to fire-affected homes damaged or destroyed in the Marshall Fire. Visit the [Rebuild with a Waterwise Garden](#) webpage or call 303-999-3820 x222 for more information.

CLIMATE

Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Though the majority of global emission reductions will need to come from corporations and governments, you can also do your part to reduce your individual carbon footprint. Calculate your estimated annual emissions using the EPA's [Carbon Footprint Calculator](#), then explore emissions reduction opportunities and how they can affect your footprint.



AIR QUALITY

Radon Testing

About 50% of homes in Boulder County have high levels of radon, compared to 6% in the rest of the country. Radon is an invisible, odorless gas that is naturally occurring and can increase risk of lung cancer. However, testing is simple and inexpensive, and if elevated levels are detected, it's fairly easy to fix. The State has a limited number of [free radon test kits](#) or you can get a low-cost testing kits at sosradon.org, as supplies last. For more information, visit www.boco.org/radon.

Ozone Alerts

To keep track of local ozone and air quality information, you can visit the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment's (CDPHE) [daily air quality monitoring dashboard](#), get alerts for poor air quality days by texting "BETTERAIRCO" to 21000, or [sign up for e-mail alerts](#).

REGENERATION & NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Noxious Weed Crew Volunteers

Sign up to remove a designated noxious weed species from open space lands each month from May through September. Following an initial training session, volunteers will be able to operate independently throughout the summer and will receive monthly refreshers on plant identification and weeding tips. Follow this [link](#) to Civic Rec to learn more about program requirements and to sign up today.

Raptor Monitoring Program

Join the [Raptor Monitoring Program](#) and help the Town identify and monitor the raptors that call Superior home. Volunteers receive an initial orientation training and monitor between early winter and late summer. To learn more about the program, please contact the Open Space Ranger [Phary Om](#).

Wildlife Monitoring Program

The Town's [Wildlife Monitoring Program](#) documents wildlife activity, including coyote, fox, bobcat, deer, elk, beaver, raccoon, muskrat, and skunk. The group gathers information to educate residents, reduce human/wildlife conflicts and improve the Town's efforts to preserve wildlife. Volunteers will monitor between early winter and late summer. To learn more about the program, please contact the Open Space Ranger [Phary Om](#).

We do our best to track and list available resources and nonprofit partners, but recognize that the landscape of programs and resources is always evolving. If you think an important resource is missing or there is an error in this list, please reach out to the Sustainability team at sustainability@superiorcolorado.gov.

