

## Add It To Your Calendar

### Events:

#### Aspen Green Drinks Hosted by BlueGreen

Wednesday, July 20  
5 - 7PM  
300 S. Spring Street #202  
Aspen

*Enjoy drinks and refreshments, meet new people, network, and discuss solutions to our environmental problems.*

[View the full schedule here](#)

### Promotions:

#### Drive Less this Summer and Win!

Reduce traffic congestion, clear the air, and save money!

Submit your pledge to Drive Less and receive a FREE Drive Less Starter Kit and be entered to win weekly prize drawings.

Submit an end of the season survey for a chance to win the Drive Less Grand

PrizeGetaway to Denver!  
Hosted by the City of Aspen.

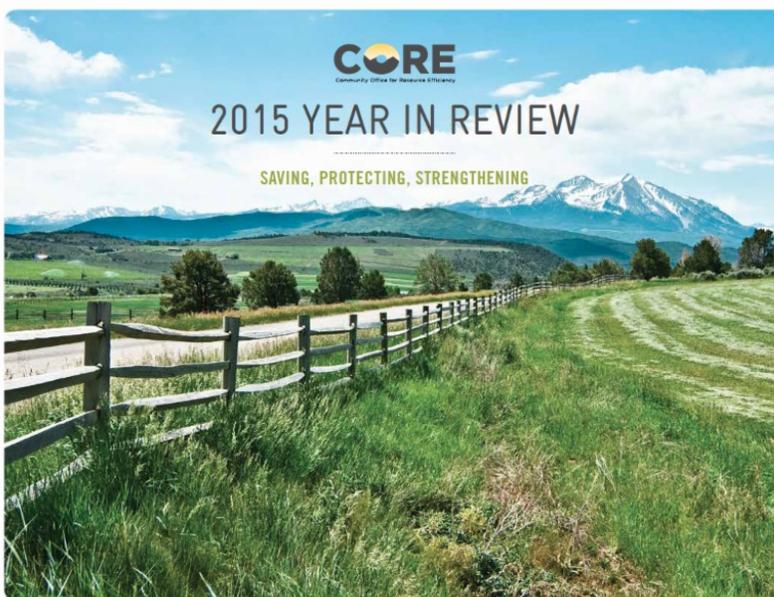
[Click here to learn more.](#)

## Saving Energy, Protecting the Climate, Strengthening the Economy

### *CORE funded projects avoid 8.3 million pounds of carbon*

In 2015, CORE provided \$1.2 million dollars in rebates and grants to local homes, businesses, and public entities. For every dollar spent, these projects are estimated to offset 7 pounds of carbon dioxide--8.3 million pounds in total--equivalent to keeping 24 barrels of oil in the ground every day.

CORE facilitated 310 Energy Smart Home Energy Assessments--equivalent to an assessment 26 days of every month, and identified a health or safety threat in twenty percent of homes in the Roaring Fork Valley.



Read about these achievements and more at  
<http://aspencore.org/about/past-campaigns/>

## Colorado has the best incentives for EV vehicles

### *\$5,000 available*

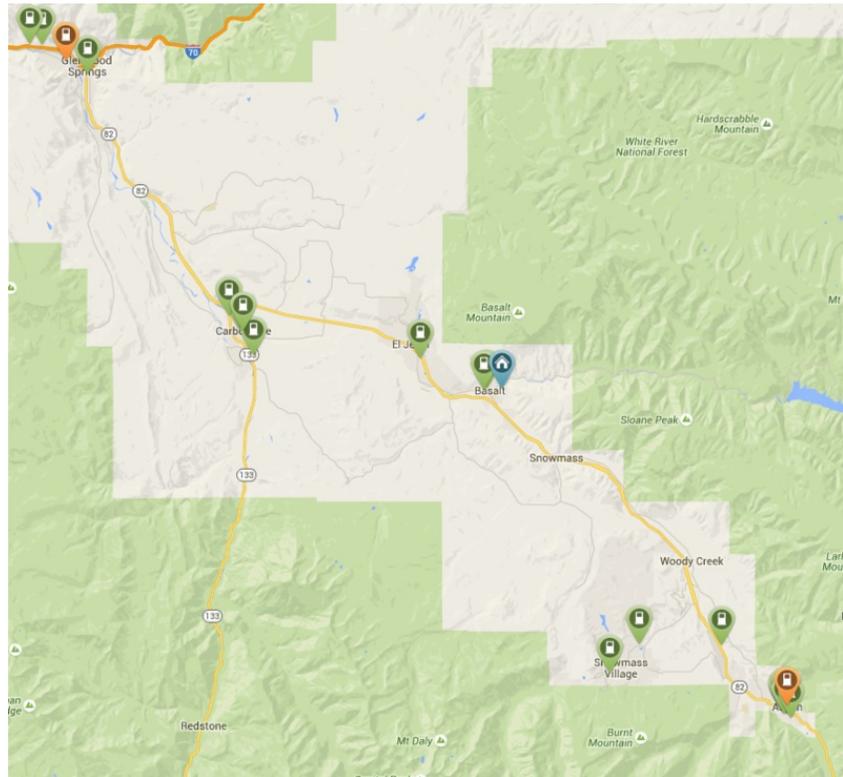
In June, Governor Hickenlooper signed House Bill 1332 providing a flat \$5,000 credit for the purchase of an electric vehicle (EV) and \$2,500 for anyone leasing an EV car. This credit can be applied at the point of sale by the car dealer or finance company, simplifying the transaction for consumers, and making Colorado the "best state to purchase an electric vehicle," according to the Washington Post and Time Magazine.

In addition, Colorado residents can take advantage of the \$7,500 federal tax credit, a combined \$12,500 off the total cost of the

vehicle. [Read more here...](#)

As you can see in the map below, there are numerous charging stations in the valley, as well as many between the Roaring Fork Valley and Denver.

[Click here or below to find charging stations near you.](#)



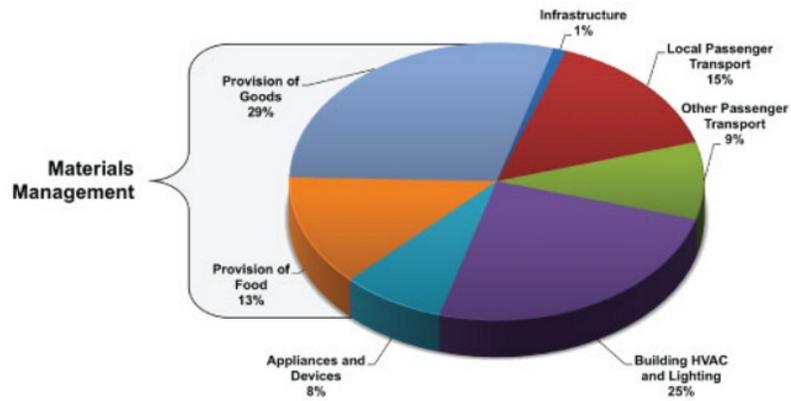
## The real truth about our waste

### *Emissions from our waste account for 40% of total emissions*

When communities conduct a greenhouse gas inventory, they typically measure emissions from their waste solely based on the methane emitted from the landfill, which on average accounts for 2% of total emissions.

Turns out, our waste is responsible for generating more emissions than that. That corn cob, tire, or plastic toy from China rotting away in the landfill, all have their own emissions associated with the production, manufacturing and transportation of each product.

[According to a report from the EPA](#), "consumption emissions" or emissions from our food and goods, actually account for 42% of total emissions--40% more than the 2% otherwise attributed to this sector.



Source: [Opportunities to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Materials and Land Management Practices \(PDF\)](#) (98 pp, 1.6MB), U.S. EPA, 2009.

Reducing the waste we send to the landfill through proper recycling and composting, as well as managing our consumption habits, could make a big difference!



*What does a fish carcass and apple core have in common? Too often they end up as trash. Don't let food scraps go to waste! Compost them and reduce your personal emissions.*

To learn more, visit: <https://www.ecocycle.org/files/pdfs/Eco-CycleEnvironmentalFacts.pdf>

## Attention Carbondalians! We want to hear from you!

**Take this quick survey and be entered to win \$25!**

What is your opinion on climate change? How do you get around town? Do you compost?

The Town of Carbondale and the Environmental Board work on a number of environmental programs and initiatives. In order to understand the community's priorities, we want to hear from you!



[Complete this short survey](#), (it should take less than 5 minutes), and you'll be entered to win a \$25 gift card to City Market, Town, Mi Casita, Bonfire and more!

[Click here to take the survey.](#)

**Efficiently yours,**

Lucy Kessler  
Community Office for Resource Efficiency

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