

Add It To Your Calendar

Events:

World Environment Day June 5

World Environment Day is the United Nations' most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment. Since it began in 1974, it has grown to become a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated in over 100 countries.

[Be Part of the Action!](#)

Holy Cross Energy Annual Meeting

June 9
4:30PM

The Gathering Center
110 Snowmass Drive
Carbondale
RSVP by June 6.

[Learn more here.](#)

American Renewable Energy Day (AREDAY)

June 20 - 24

Viceroy Snowmass
Purchase tickets at
www.areday.net

Mona Newton, CORE's ED, will be speaking about carbon taxes on a panel on Monday, June 20.

Aspen Green Drinks Hosted by Land + Shelter Architecture

Wednesday, June 15
5 - 7PM
301 E Hopkins Ave.
Suite 211

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

[View the full schedule here](#)

Bike to Work Day

Wednesday, June 22
7 - 10AM

Bugsy Barnard Park &
Paepcke Park

Free food, bike safety

CORE is Hiring

Communications and Outreach Manager

The Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE) is seeking a Communications and Outreach Manager to join our team! This person will work to inspire and engage the community to help fulfill CORE's mission: to create measurable improvements in energy and water efficiency.

The Communications and Outreach Manager will serve as the interface between CORE's programs and the community, providing information, resources and support to help residents conserve energy, save water and reduce waste.

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume and writing sample by June 20, 2016.

[To learn more, view the full job posting here...](#)

Where Do Our Recyclables Go?

Trash your misperceptions

Questions have recently surfaced over the merits of recycling in the valley. CORE has received calls from individuals questioning its efficacy. In this article we will uncover a common misconception:

True or False?: All our recyclables go to China.

Answer: False. Some recyclables do go to China, but many are processed in the states--even right here in Colorado. [The Comprehensive Waste Diversion Plan](#) for Pitkin County outlines the markets for common recyclables:

- Plastics #1, #2 and PET do go to China
- There are markets for steel, amber-colored glass, and the plastic HDPHE in Colorado
- Markets that recycle cardboard in New Mexico
- Paper mills that recycle newspaper on the West Coast
- Food and yard waste can be composted at facilities in Pitkin and Garfield counties

According to a study by the University of Massachusetts, manufacturing products from virgin materials uses on average **17 times more energy** than making products from recycled materials.

So, don't give up! CORE would like to encourage you to keep recycling to reduce emissions, protect our air and water, and prevent the extraction of the earth's finite resources.

checks, kids' activities, and great prizes. Enter to win bike gear, gift certificates, WeCycle season pass, concert tickets, and bus passes.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Promotions:

City of Aspen Env. Health and Sustainability Giveaway:

FREE Sunscreen

Stop by the EHS office (second floor in City Hall) to pick up a free sample of EltaMD sunscreen.



And with that, check out this fun video reminding you to check with your hauler to understand what they will and will not accept.

To learn more, visit www.wastefreeroaringfork.org.

Use Less. Have More. Be Water Smart.

Water conservation tips

Now that ski season is over, it's time for many of us to get to lawn mowing and gardening. But green lawns and lush gardens require a lot of water, which is a limited resource in our state.

Did you know that about **30% of the water the average American uses is for outdoor purposes?**

And over half of that is used on lawns and gardens. Here are some tips that will help you conserve water, save money, keep our rivers full, and preserve an essential community resource.



1. Water your lawn during the early mornings or late evening hours when evaporation rates are lower.
2. You don't need to water your lawn everyday! To test if your lawn needs to be watered walk across it, if you leave footprints your lawn needs to be watered.
3. If you need to clean your driveway use a broom instead of a hose. This small change can save 80 gallons of water.
4. A soaker hose or drip irrigation system is more efficient than overhead hoses or sprinkler - installing one of those can help you use less water.

In addition to using water efficiently, it is also critical that we protect our water supply. Choose safer, natural, and/or green products as opposed to chemical fertilizers, herbicides, or pesticides when treating your lawns or gardens.

Defend Solar in Colorado

Xcel Customers: submit a comment today

Xcel Energy, the state's largest utility company is asking the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to approve policies that could have **negative financial impacts** on Xcel's electricity customers, especially those that own solar!



Their proposal for a monthly fee known as a "grid access charge" and the proposal to lower the energy rate per kWh for higher volumes of energy used, could discourage customers from investing in energy saving measures and would make it less financially attractive for customers to install renewable energy systems.

These inadvisable policies could slow the uptake of solar energy in our state, by imposing economic and policy barriers to the advancement of solar energy by any entity except Xcel. Solar accounts for less than 2% of Xcel's electricity mix while more than half is still coal.

We deserve a say in our energy future!

[Solar Energy Industries Association](#) has more information. [Click here to learn more and to submit your comment today!](#)

Save Energy With These Simple Steps

Aspen Energy Challenge June Promotion: Improve the efficiency of your water heater

Water heating is the 2nd largest energy user in the home and accounts for about 16% of energy consumption in homes in our region.

To save energy and money, follow these simple tips:

1. Use less hot water
2. Insulate your hot water heater
3. Wrap your pipes
4. Lower your water heater temperature
5. Upgrade your water heater to a more efficient unit



[Click here to learn more about water heating, and the Aspen Energy Challenge.](#)

Thank you to TOPS!

For helping CORE green our commute!

The Transportation Options Program (TOPS) provided \$880 to CORE to help us reduce our carbon footprint by providing us bus passes for employees.

The intent of the TOP grant is to reduce our single-occupant vehicle trips within the valley and holding to Aspen's goal of keeping traffic at 1993 levels in perpetuity.

[Click here to learn more about TOPS.](#)

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