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Dear alison,

I've wasted a lot of money over the years in my garden learning what plants thrive or die in the challenging Front Range environment. If you want to avoid a steep (and expensive) learning curve in your gardening efforts, the CRC's Garden-In-A-Box is the perfect product for you. The Garden-In-A-Box is our affordably priced selection of professionally designed xeriscape gardens we've been selling for many years. The [Garden-In-A-Box](#) helps gardeners save money, save water and have a positive impact on the environment - not to mention helping CRC continue in its efforts to provide this product on a sustainable basis throughout the Front Range. Over the years we have partnered with a limited number of communities who have helped subsidize the cost of preparing and promoting Garden-In-A-Box for their residents. Residents of Boulder, Golden, Loveland, Longmont and Westminster will still be able to sign up for their garden kits, but now, for a slightly higher price, residents from any community along the Front Range can purchase the Garden-In-A-Box and enjoy the same water-saving benefits xeric plants can provide homeowners. This is our way of extending the mission of CRC at the same time helping people get something that is affordable, beautiful and beneficial to the environment.

Sincerely,

Keith Frausto, Executive Director

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April 11- Introduction to Xeriscaping, Boulder

April 12- Renovating an Existing Landscape to Xeriscape, Longmont

April 12- Xeriscaping: Beyond the Basics, Golden

April 13- Introduction to Xeriscaping, Lafayette

Upcoming Events

Green Drinks Boulder CRC is hosting Green Drinks on Tuesday, March 29th. Please join us at our Spruce St office [5:30 - 7:30](#)

Water Wise Landscape Seminars
[Monday April 11 - Tuesday April 19](#)

ReSource Boulder 15th Anniversary and Earth Day Celebration April 22
Noon - 9pm

9th Annual CRC Earth Day 5k Run/Walk Sunday, May 1st. [Register here today!](#)



CRC Websites

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April 13- Rainwater Harvesting, Boulder
April 14- Edible Xeriscape, Lafayette
April 14- Tricks of Xeriscaping, Louisville
April 16- WaterWise Wildlife Gardening, Longmont
April 16- Introduction to Xeriscaping, Westminster
April 16- Drip Irrigation, Boulder
April 19- WaterWise Landscape Design, Thornton

[Partners Page](#)

[Click Here for Details include full descriptions and speakers](#)

Be Eligible to WIN a FREE Garden!



Join our Facebook page by liking us at <http://www.facebook.com/CenterforReSourceConservation>
Liking us will automatically get your name in a drawing for weekly free prizes to help you with your garden needs. On April 27th the winner of a [Garden of Gold](#) will be announced.

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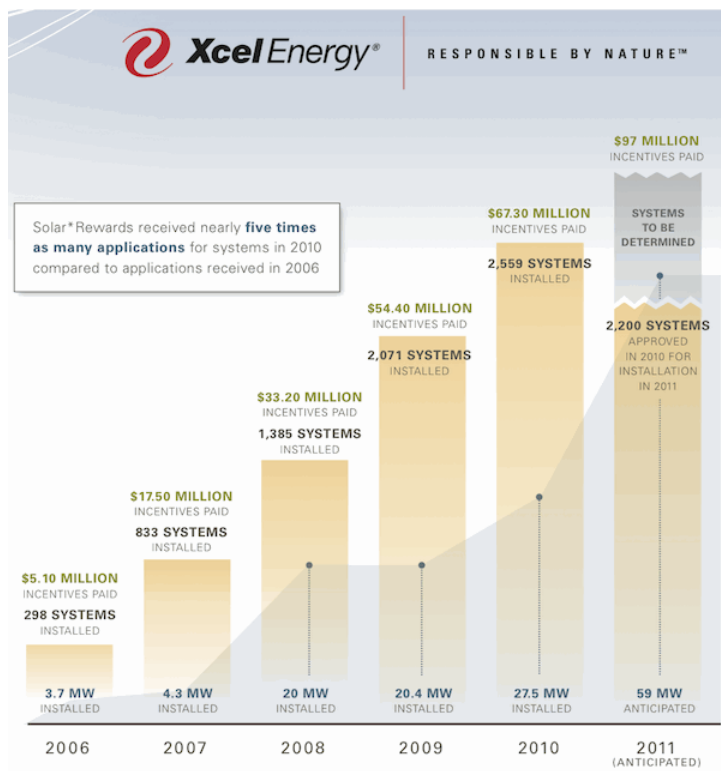
Smart Grid City Fear and loathing in electricity rates and incentives

Xcel has caused some confusion and frustration in Boulder and across Colorado. First, Xcel gave a group of randomly selected customers in the City of Boulder the impression that they were being forced into time of use pricing. In reality these pricing schemes are still optional and if these customers did nothing before the March 1st decision deadline, nothing changed for them. More details can be found in this excellent analysis by Steve Pomerance:

Pomerance: Xcel`s 'pricing challenge` is challenging indeed - [Boulder Daily Camera](#)

Second, Xcel is asking for deep cuts in its solar rebate payments. This has caused alarm in the until recently vibrant home solar market, with some companies already laying-off staff. The solar industry agrees that it is in deed time to reduce incentives, but not so suddenly and without consultation. Xcel is arguing that demand for home solar installations has outpaced all estimates and they must cut incentives quickly to keep from overspending. The matter is currently being debated in front of the Public Utilities Commission. Both sides of the argument are described in these links.

[Xcel Energy](#) | [Colorado Solar Energy Industries Association](#)



from

FreeCleanSolar.com, Xcel Energy announces changes to [Colorado Solar Rewards program](#)

Thank you Volunteers

CRC is fortunate to have so many great volunteers who donate their time and much more to our mission. A big welcome to all our new volunteers who contact us following our request in the February E-news. A very special thanks to our long time volunteers including Jean Lovell who has been part of our team for over 10 years!

5k Run/Walk Registration Now Open Race is Sunday, May 1

Come join in the fun of Boulders GREENEST, most fun 5k Walk/Run!



Registration is now open for the CRC's Earth Day Run on May 1st at the CU Environmental Center!

And this year, be sure to bring the kids along for the GREEN KIDS RUNS! Ages 1-11 are invited to participate for free!

For more information or to register your child email: greenkids@conservationcenter.org

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Fix a Leak Week is March 14 - 20

The CRC encourages you to find and fix indoor leaks that contribute to 10,000 gallons of water wasted each year.

For participating cities you can sign up for CRC's free [Slow-the-Flow Indoor water inspection](#).

Also visit [EPA's Water Sense web page](#) for helpful information and CRC's [How to Conserve Water Indoors](#).

Center for ReSource Conservation's Mission To empower our community to conserve natural resources.

Center for ReSource Conservation's Vision
A thriving community that understands the finite nature of natural resources and acts to conserve them.

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