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News Release

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City of Lafayette to promote Earth Week activities April 14-20

LAFAYETTE, Colo April 8, 2013 – Participate in a variety of free Earth Week activities in Lafayette. Become more environmentally conscious, conserve water and energy, and save money.

Xeriscaping for Beginners Seminar (Free)

Monday, April 15; 6-8pm

Lafayette Public Library / 775 W. Baseline Rd

Discover how xeriscaping can help you create a beautiful landscape that saves water and time. Ben Bookout will share techniques for designing and installing a successful water-wise landscape. This class is intended for beginners and participants are strongly encouraged to come with questions. This free seminar is presented by the Lafayette Public Works Department. http://www.cityoflafayette.com/index.aspx?NID=771&ART=3396&ADMIN=1

Backyard Composting Workshop (Free)

Monday, April 15; 6-8pm

Lafayette Public Library / 775 W. Baseline Rd

Backyard composting is an effective way to reduce household carbon footprints and provide quality compost for use in gardens. Come learn how to start and maintain a highly efficient backyard compost system by learning what to feed your compost pile, appropriate bins and methods for our geographics, tips and troubleshooting, and much more. Registration is required, space is limited. Contact Jessica Johnson, jljohnson@bouldercounty.org, 720-564-2226.

EnergySmart Community Workshop (Free)

Wednesday, April 17; 6:30-8pm

Lafayette Public Library / 775 W. Baseline Rd

Attend this fun and engaging workshop to learn about current residential home energy rebates and loans, energy assessments, and other easy changes that can save you money and increase your home's efficiency. One attendee will win a free energy assessment (a \$90 value)! Sponsored by the Lafayette Energy Sustainability Advisory Committee. RSVP at www.lafayetteenergysmartworkshop.eventbrite.com

Converting Existing Landscape to Xeriscape Seminar (Free)

Thursday, April 18; 6-8pm

Lafayette Public Library / 775 W. Baseline Rd

Whether you are looking to replace a lot of high water-use grass or xeriscape some of your yard, this seminar will teach you how to transform non-functional areas of your landscapes into stunning areas that you can enjoy. In this seminar, we'll cover the 7 principles of xeriscape design and discuss the "how to's" from design phase to completion. Learn valuable tools for the do-it-yourselfer on how to renovate your landscape within your budget. This free seminar is brought to you by the Lafayette Public Works Department.

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Earth Day Celebration at JAX with the Parks/Open Space Dept

Saturday, April 20; 12-4pm

Jax Outdoor Gear / 900 US Hwy 287 / Lafayette

Celebrate Arbor Day with the City of Lafayette and members of the Lafayette Open Space Advisory Committee. Visit their booth at the Earth Day event to win free Colorado native trees and shrubs to recognize the importance of Arbor Day in Lafayette!

Free Indoor Water Audits for Lafayette Residents

"Slow the Flow Indoors" is an indoor water-use inspection program available to residents of Lafayette all year long (not just during Earth Week). The indoor water audits are performed by trained auditors and include low-flow shower head and facet aerator installation, leak tests on fixtures to find where water is being wasted, personalized cost benefit analysis on switching to lower water-use appliances. Entire process takes about an hour. Request an audit online or call 303-999-3820 ext. 217. http://www.cityoflafayette.com/index.aspx?NID=772&ART=3398&ADMIN=1

Free Outdoor Water Audits for Lafayette Residents

"Slow the Flow Colorado" is a FREE sprinkler inspection/irrigation audit program available for Lafayette residents all year long (not just during Earth Week). Save water and improve the health of your lawn. The sprinkler audits are performed by trained auditors and include customized watering schedules, do-it-yourself sprinkler maintenance. The entire process will take about 2 hours. Request an audit online or call 303-999-3820 ext. 217 http://www.cityoflafayette.com/index.aspx?NID=773&ART=3399&ADMIN=1

Free Mulch Giveaway for Lafayette Residents

Saturday, April 13 & 20 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

City of Lafayette Service Center / 1700 Avalon Ave. / Lafayette

Mulch may be picked up on a first come first served basis at the Lafayette Service Center. The designated pick up area will be clearly marked and help with loading of mulch will be available.

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