

## CALENDAR

### Business Environmental Series

**Café Columbine, 802 W. Drake Rd., Suite 101**  
RSVP at [fcgov.com/business-eps](http://fcgov.com/business-eps) or call 221-6700.  
**FREE**

#### ■ Green Industry Best Management Practices December 4

Learn the industry standards for water conservation and water quality protection from Green Industries of Colorado (GreenCO). An exam covering the BMPs will be offered following the program. Successful candidates will receive professional recognition.

### Spring Creek Garden Lights

**Dec. 1 through Jan. 1, Evenings, 5-9 p.m.**

**Gardens on Spring Creek, 2145 S. Centre Ave.**  
Start a new holiday tradition...visit the magical Spring Creek Garden Lights display, created and donated by: Holiday Décor by Swingle, a division of Swingle Lawn, Tree, & Landscape Care.

#### ■ Special Open Houses:

December 8 - Poinsettia Sale

December 15 - An evening for children and the young at heart

Consider sharing the spirit of the season as a volunteer in a beautiful outdoor setting. Call 416-2486 or visit [fcgov.com/horticulture](http://fcgov.com/horticulture).

### Carolfest and the Community Holiday Tree Lighting

**December 7, 6:30 p.m.**

Begins at the Opera Galleria and ends with cookies and hot chocolate at the Fort Collins Museum.

## Culture Corner

### First Friday Gallery Walk

First Friday of Every Month  
6-9 p.m.

Come downtown and stroll through the local art galleries on the first Friday of every month.

[www.artsalivefc.org](http://www.artsalivefc.org)

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# CITY news



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## CLIP AND KEEP FEATURE

# CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDE

### TRASH/RECYCLE DAY IS:

#### CONTAINERS

##### PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JARS

Rinsed bottles and jars with narrow necks and/or screw tops (like soda and milk bottles). No snap-top plastic containers like margarine tubs. No chemical or pesticide containers. No plastic bags.

##### GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

Rinse, remove lids, labels are okay. No plate glass, drinking glasses, cookware, light bulbs or ceramics.

##### METAL CANS

Aluminum or steel cans, metal lids, and spray cans. Please rinse, labels are okay.

#### PAPER

##### PAPERBOARD

Almost any non-corrugated box (cereal, cracker, shoe, etc.). Also paper egg cartons, greeting cards, folders, mailing tubes, wrapping/tissue paper... and much more!

##### PAPER

Office paper, junk mail, envelopes, letters, postcards, paper bags, reports, brochures, magazines, catalogs, newspapers (with inserts) and phone books.

##### CARDBOARD

Flatten and cut/fold down to less than 2 feet. Include pizza boxes if clean.

No paper towels, tissues, napkins, plates, or cups.

No pet food or charcoal bags. No waxed paper or waxed cardboard.

No photographs.

No foil or foil-line boxes.

No carbon paper.

### Yard Waste

Check with your trash hauler to find out their policy on fees and number of bags accepted. Bring your leaves, grass clippings, and branches (less than 15" in diameter) to Hageman's Earth Cycle, 3501 E. Prospect. There is a small fee. [hagemanearthcycle.com](http://hagemanearthcycle.com)

### Leaf Exchange

Need leaves? Have leaves to get rid of? The leaf exchange is right for you. Join the many others who use this free service. Sign up at [fcgov.com/recycling/leaf-exchange.php](http://fcgov.com/recycling/leaf-exchange.php).

### Composting

What better way to decrease your trash than to compost your organic material? Plus, you'll get rich, nutritious soil! Learn more at [fcgov.com/recycling/composting](http://fcgov.com/recycling/composting).

### Drop-off Facility

Don't want to wait for trash pickup day? Use the city's full-service recycling drop-off facility at 1702 Riverside. Learn more at [fcgov.com/recycling](http://fcgov.com/recycling).

### Christmas Tree Recycling

Starting in late December, residents can once again recycle their holiday tree at one of the four Christmas tree drop off locations:

- Edora Park, 1420 Stuart St.
- Rolland Moore Park, 2201 S. Shields St.
- City Streets Facility, 625 Ninth St.
- Fossil Creek Nursery, 7029 S. College Ave.

For more information call 221-6600.

CLIP HERE AND HANG THIS GUIDE ON THE FRIDGE

## Payment Assistance Fund: Thinking of Others

The costs of maintaining a home are rising. Families and individuals in financial crisis, and those on fixed incomes, are finding it even more difficult to meet these rising costs.

In 2004, Fort Collins Utilities and Catholic Charities Northern established the Payment Assistance Fund (PAF) to help those who need it most. This fund helps community members stay warm and keep lights on and water flowing.

Thanks to generous donors, this fund will have helped more than 300 residents this year. It doesn't take much to participate. A small donation on your monthly bill or a one-time contribution will go a long way.

To apply for assistance, take your shut-off notice to Catholic Charities Northern (The Mission) at 460 Linden Center Dr., MWF from 1-4 p.m.

To contribute to the PAF, visit [fcgov.com/utilities/paf.php](http://fcgov.com/utilities/paf.php) call 221-6700 or TDD 224-6003.

## Human Relations Commission: Accepting Nominations

Every year the Human Relations Award recognizes those in the community who promote acceptance and respect for diversity. Nominations are taken in five categories: Police & Emergency Services, Senior, Adult, Youth and Organization.

The award process considers the length of service and commitment to the community. Anyone who has not previously won the award is eligible. There are no residency requirements.

For more information and to access the online nomination forms, visit [fcgov.com/hra](http://fcgov.com/hra).

### Character Quality of the Month "Thoroughness"

*Knowing what factors will diminish the effectiveness of my work or words if neglected.*

For more information about Character Fort Collins, visit [characterfortcollins.org](http://characterfortcollins.org) or call 266-2671.

## LOCAL NEWS

# be local, think local

**"BE LOCAL" IS MORE THAN JUST A TRENDY PHRASE.** It's a philosophy that encourages us to be a part of a community, support one another and our environment, and enjoy this place we call home.

### SHOP FORT COLLINS FIRST

A major component to being local is supporting the local economy; when you choose to shop in Fort Collins as opposed to outside city limits or online, you are supporting local jobs and City services. Shopping locally isn't limited to locally-owned businesses; any purchase within City limits, whether at a small boutique or a national retailer, helps the local economy.

However, there are more than 400 businesses employing nearly 7,200 people that are entirely unique to Fort Collins. To encourage folks to frequent these local businesses, the City of Fort Collins sponsored the 2nd annual Be Local Coupon Book produced by the Rocky Mountain Sustainable Living Association. The book includes coupons for more than \$6,000 worth of savings. Visit [fcgov.com/business](http://fcgov.com/business) for outlets and details.

### SUSTAINABLE CHOICES

Being local also means making sustainable choices to preserve our community. This year the City, in partnership with the Downtown Development Authority and the Downtown Business Association, replaced the conventional holiday lights with LEDs (light emitting diode). The result is a reduction of energy use by approximately 90 percent!

For those interested in replacing traditional holiday lights with LEDs, Fort Collins Utilities is partnering with local retailers to provide discounts from Nov. 1–Dec. 15. Plus, residents can save even more by recycling conventional light strings at the Holiday Lighting Turn-In Events:

**Saturday, Nov. 10, 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.**

- Clay's Ace Hardware, 1001 E. Harmony Rd.
- Drake Hardware & Lumber, 2160 W. Drake Rd.

**Saturday, Nov. 17, 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.**

- Downtown Ace Hardware, 227 S. College Ave.
- The Light Center, 2725 S. College Ave.



The City also has a sustainable solution for all those leaves that have fallen over the last few months. The Parks Department composts leaves and other organic materials to make more than 1,000 yards of soil each year. That soil is then reused in the spring in shrub beds and for other planting projects. Residents can also put fallen leaves to good use. Check out the Clip and Keep Recycling section of this newsletter for more details.

### BE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY

Finally, being local means being a part of the community. Enjoy one of the many community events taking place this holiday season.

**Old Town Square Ice Skating Rink** – opens November 17

**Spring Creek Garden Lights** – Dec. 1 through Jan. 1

**Carolfest & Community Tree Lighting** – December 7

**Christmas at the Farm** – December 7–9 & 14–16

**Winter Wishes Ice Show** – December 13

Visit [fcgov.com/communications](http://fcgov.com/communications) for more details.

Being local is an opportunity to support our local economy, to enjoy our community, and to help preserve it for future generations. So remember, this holiday season shop local, be local, and think local!

## Grocery Tax Rebate

The City of Fort Collins is offering a rebate for sales tax paid on groceries. If you qualify, you could receive \$40 for each person in your household.

It is easy to apply and no receipts are needed. Simply fill out an application, provide proof of your income for 2007, and provide a copy of your Colorado driver's license (or other ID) along with your signature on the affidavit confirming your legal presence in the U.S. Applications and further details, including income requirements, are available at [fcgov.com/rebate](http://fcgov.com/rebate) or call 416-2304. To be eligible, you must currently live within Fort Collins city limits and lived within city limits for all of 2007. The deadline to apply is December 31, 2007.

## Simple Steps to Achieve Energy and Water Savings

Save money on your monthly utility bills with these tips and tools:

### HOME IMPROVEMENTS

- Install a low-flow shower massager
- Buy a high-efficiency 1.0-gallon per flush toilet
- Learn about city rebate programs on home appliances
- Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) and use energy-efficient LED holiday lights (discounts at participating retailers, [fcgov.com/cfl](http://fcgov.com/cfl))
- Install an ENERGY STAR® thermostat

### BOOKS

- *Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings* from the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy
- *PowerSmart Booklet* from the Alliance to Save Energy
- *Xeriscape Colorado* by Connie Ellefson & David Winger
- *Xeriscape Handbook* by Gayle Weinstein