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## 2011 Residential **Environmental Program Series.**



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### 2011 Residential Environmental Program Series.

Drake Centre, 802 W. Drake Rd.

#### Creating a collaborative community.

February 16, 7–9 p.m.

Take a ride on the social side of sustainability and discover simple solutions to create a healthy community. This interactive presentation provides ideas to collaboratively overcome obstacles, choose healthier foods and develop methods to track and drive change.

#### The complete home energy angler.

March 2, 7–9 p.m.

Learn how the Community Energy Challenge can help you hook into energy savings in your home. Experts explore myths around home electricity use and help you catch energy savings.

#### Xeriscape: beyond the basics.

March 16, 7–9 p.m.

Find out how Xeriscape contributes to lower maintenance and water conservation. Tanya Fisher, Colorado Vista Landscape Design, offers eco-friendly landscaping ideas beyond the basic seven principles of Xeriscape.

## Energy and water efficient tree choices.

March 23, 7–9 p.m.

Dig up a selection of tree species to reduce your water and energy use. Locating the best place to plant a tree and knowing the trees characteristics also are important energy conservation factors.

# Landscape design for water-wise beauty.

March 30, 7–9 p.m.

Loretta Mannix, The Horticulture Consultant, shares alternative landscaping ideas that reduce lawn area, create useable spaces and enhance visual appeal. Design an attractive, low water-using landscape following the principles of Xeriscape.

#### The lowdown on low water plants.

April 13, 7–9 p.m.

Landscape Designers Anne Clark and Sally Guthart will share a selection of trees, shrubs and perennials that make a desirable addition to your urban garden. Integrate water-wise plants into your landscape to create seasonal interest and year-round beauty.

#### Smart Meter Fort Collins.

April 27, 7–9 p.m.

Learn about plans to install digital "smart" meters throughout the homes, schools and businesses in the community. Discover the benefits this program will offer you and Fort Collins Utilities.

#### Adventures in composting.

May 11, 7–9 p.m.

Ease your curiosity about how to recycle your household yard and food waste and learn the art and science of backyard composting. Get a sneak peek at the basics of raising hens (chickens love kitchen scraps).

#### Please help make this a zero-waste event series.