



## **GREEN HOME TOUR RETURNS TO CHAFFEE COUNTY SEPTEMBER 12**

The second annual Chaffee Green Homes Tour on September 12 and 13 will help residents learn to save money by using less home energy or adding renewables.

At no charge, residents can tour four sites in Salida to gain first-hand understanding of energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable living. Officials from Peak Solar and Renewable Energy Outfitters will help residents understand how solar energy can help save money. A tiny home and a lodge are also on the tour and owners will help explain green features.

The tour will begin at the Salida Farmer's Market, at Alpine Park, 4<sup>th</sup> and E Streets, at 9 am on September 12. Tour sponsor New Energy Colorado will host a booth featuring a variety of energy efficiency measures that homeowners can install at little or no cost. At the booth, a map of the tour homes will be available.

From 9 am until noon, the tour sites will be open to interested residents.

On September 13 from 8 am until 1 pm in Buena Vista, an informational booth with the same information will be available at the Farmer's Market, at South Main Town Square, 701 Front Loop.

"This is a great opportunity to learn more about green energy options and to consider how green energy is integral with affordable housing. We hope to have a great turn out and to be informed by the vendors while learning from eachothers' experiences or plans about these ideas," said Jacy Doumas, of GARNA Chaffee Green, co-sponsor of the tour.

New Energy Colorado works to engage citizens in shaping our energy future by providing education about how our energy system and utilities function today, and what changes are needed to pave the way for a future dominated by energy efficiency, renewables and a smart grid. For more than two decades, the non-profit has sponsored a green homes tour in metro Denver.

"The Chaffee Green Homes Tour is a good way to learn about home energy savings at a safe, socially-distanced event," said Sheila Townsend, tour coordinator for NECO. "we are pleased to bring the tour back to Chaffee County in this challenging year."

The tour is also part of the American Solar Energy Society's National Solar Tour.

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