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Vital changes to our energy system sparks new energy education program

Become a Colorado Energy Master with the help of CSU Extension/Arapahoe County.

Littleton, Colo. – A growing number of Colorado homeowners are dramatically lowering their energy bills by switching to solar as an alternative power source. Many in Arapahoe County alone are taking advantage of rebates and other money-saving programs available right now.

We are finding more people are curious about alternative and renewable energy sources that will not only save them money but help the environment. But where can you go to get essential information that directly affects you and your community?

Colorado State University Extension of Arapahoe County is offering a new opportunity for citizens who want to get ahead and tap into the future of our energy system. The Colorado Energy Master Program will be offered in February and March of 2015 and will include up to 30 hours of energy education in three different courses including topics such as energy policy, renewable energy opportunities, transportation alternatives, home energy assessments and home energy efficiency.

The courses will be offered through a mix of online webinars and in-person field trips local to Arapahoe County. The program welcomes those simply curious about our energy system and those who have been learning about energy for years but want to apply it to their continuing education.

“This would be great for engineers, planners and especially realtors and teachers who need continuing education units and credit towards their graduate degree,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Jackson. “Certification as a Colorado Energy Master is optional but is available for those who complete all coursework and an energy-related project of their choice.”

Each of the three courses in the program costs \$65 for regular registrants or \$35 for aspiring Colorado Energy Masters, students or teachers. Discounts are available for those registering for the entire program. The program runs from Feb. 17 – Mar. 28 and encompasses eight classes/events. CSU professors, Extension agents and industry professionals teach the classes.

Registration is open from Jan. 5 – Feb. 10. For more information and to register, please visit www.ext.colostate.edu/energymaster or call Tim Aston, CSU Extension Director of Arapahoe County at 303-738-7907.

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