

Being green brings rewards; 'Frequent-Recycler' program to begin

It's a bit similar to a frequent-flyer program; you get points toward a reward for something you were going to do anyway. But you don't have to drive for an hour, pay for parking, find someone to look after the dog or suffer a pat-down search in front of 200 strangers.

Instead, you earn discounts or a free meal simply by putting out the trash. Really. Or more accurately, by putting out your recyclables. The program gets underway in July.

It's called the Recyclebank, a new program offered through the City of Loveland Solid Waste Division for its recycling customers. Basically, the more you recycle, the more points you earn. The more points earned, the greater the rewards from local and national restaurants and stores offering food, apparel, personal services and even gadgets.

Here's how it works: After completing all the pick-ups on its route, each City of Loveland recycling collection truck is weighed. The weight of the recycling content is divided by the number of households on that route serviced by the truck. Each household on that route that has signed up for the program—optional and free—gets

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[More about Recyclebank inside](#)



Governor signs alternative energy vehicle bills in Loveland

With electric cars behind him and other non-gasoline powered vehicles nearby, Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper visited Loveland Water and Power to sign two bills supportive of alternative energy vehicles. HB-1247 – Innovative Motor Vehicle Income Tax Credit and HB-1110 – Special Fuel Tax and Electric Vehicles.

Loveland was selected as the bill signing location in part because of Loveland's involvement and innovation with electric vehicles and fleet transition—a grant recently received from the Colorado Energy Office to put additional charging stations throughout Loveland and Loveland's work with Drive Electric Northern Colorado (DENC).

DENC, a partnership between the Electrification Coalition, the City of Fort Collins, the City of Loveland and Colorado State University, is a first-of-its-kind, community-wide initiative designed to achieve widespread deployment of plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs) in the Northern Colorado Region. Learn more at www.driveelectricnoco.org and www.cityofloveland.org/electricvehicles



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The City of Loveland's 2012 annual water quality Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) will be available on the city website by June 30th 2013. Please visit our website at www.cityofloveland.org/WaterQuality to see the 2012 Water Quality Report. If you have any questions or would like a hard copy of the CCR sent to you, please call 970-962-3000.

More smoke and carbon monoxide alarms available for at-risk residents

Several months ago, the Loveland Fire Rescue Authority (LFRA) in collaboration with the Lauren Project, received a FEMA grant to distribute smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to at-risk community residents. As a result, many low-income, disabled and senior residents now have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in their homes.

The LFRA is offering free installation of the remaining equipment to additional households with low-income, elderly and/or disabled occupants. To arrange for an installation or for more information, call 962-2497.

For more information on the Lauren Project and the importance of carbon monoxide detectors, go to www.laurenproject.org.

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2.5 points for every average-pound collected.

Two weeks later, after that household's next recycling cart is emptied, it gets more points. The accumulated points can be redeemed for any of more than 100 choices. And like enrolling in a frequent flyer program, the household gets bonus points for signing up.

The program, in operation in more than 400 other communities across the U.S., is aimed at increasing recycling while decreasing waste disposal. The Recyclebank program encourages improvement in recycling both individually and collectively for all the households along each pick-up route.

Why Recyclebank

Why sign up for Recyclebank?

- Recycling is good for the planet
- Recycling is good for Loveland
- Recycling reduces refuse in the Larimer County Landfill
- Being green makes you feel good

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Win x 3 for new recycling program

The new Recyclebank program for City of Loveland recycling customers offers win-win-win benefits.

Overall, the entire community will benefit from the intended increase in recycling along with the reduction in refuse disposal. Greater recycling—being “greener”—is simply the right thing for the community. Loveland is already considered a leader in recycling. The Recyclebank program will push the city's conservation efforts even higher.

For households participating in the Recyclebank program, the benefits will be double. Not only will the participants have good reason to feel proud of their recycling efforts, but they will receive tangible rewards for their efforts; perhaps worth \$100 every year.

And for the Recyclebank firm, it will receive payment for all its efforts in establishing and administrating the rewards program. Under the agreement approved by Loveland City Council, Recyclebank will

receive 35 cents per month for each of the approximately 22,000 households serviced by Loveland's recycling trucks. In turn, the City's Solid Waste Division expects to recoup a portion of those expenses through increased payments for more recyclables from the firm that buys Loveland's recyclables.



Rewards ahead

A city recycling truck prepares to empty a resident's recycling cart. Under a new program called Recyclebank, residents earn reward points for their recycling quantities.

Register for Recyclebank rewards

Big steps are being taken to make Loveland even greener. The City of Loveland Solid Waste Division has teamed up with Recyclebank to reward residents for home recycling.

With Recyclebank's household recycling rewards program, customers of Loveland's curbside recycling program earn everyday savings each time they recycle. On average, Recyclebank members can earn more than \$100 in reward values through annual recycling efforts.

Beginning in July, simply register for the free rewards program at www.Recyclebank.com. Recyclebank members earn points for filling their recycling bins plus additional points can be earned at the Recyclebank website.

There are more than 100 reward options offered to Recyclebank members. Rewards are offered for point totals ranging from about 30 for discounts and Buy One/Get One (BOGOs) to 2500 for free gift cards at national retailers.

Loveland recycling customers soon will receive a letter and postcard from Recyclebank. Residents are encouraged to sign up and be rewarded for their recycling efforts. And new members receive 300 points just for signing up.

Loveland Water & Power's 2013 Renewable Energy Prospective

Renewable energy is clean energy from natural power sources harnessed from the earth.

Currently, Loveland receives its renewable energy from wind turbines. Loveland Water & Power (LWP) purchases this clean energy from Platte River Power Authority, Loveland's wholesale energy provider. Wind is also the energy source for LWP's GreenSwitch program.

GreenSwitch provides Loveland power customers the ability to purchase electricity that's been generated from clean, renewable sources. GreenSwitch is sold in 100 kilowatt-hours blocks

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Loveland Water & Power 2013 Prospective Product Content Label		
Generation Type	GreenSwitch Program	Default Mix
Eligible Renewables¹:		
Medicine Bow Energy (WY)	17%	
Silver Sage Energy (WY)	30%	
Wind RECs (CO, WY)	52%	
Total Eligible Renewables	100%	0.0%
Coal		75.8%
Hydro		19.2%
Gas		0.8%
Other ²		3.9%
TOTALS	100%	100%

¹ Eligible renewables include wind, solar, small hydro, biomass and geothermal generation facilities in operation on or after January 1, 1997.
² Other sources include purchases and power sharing agreements from various resources.

For specific information about this electricity product, contact Loveland Water and Power at (970) 962-1111 or (970) 962-3000 or go to www.cityofloveland.org/GreenSwitch.

The average home in Loveland uses 730 kWh per month. [Source: LWP annual fact sheet]

The Green-e Energy Program certifies that Loveland's GreenSwitch Program meets the minimum environmental and consumer protection standards established by the non-profit Center for Resource Solutions. For more information on Green-e Energy certification requirements, call (888) 63-GREEN or log on to www.green-e.org.

2012 Historical Product Content Label		
Generation Type	GreenSwitch Program	Default Mix
Eligible Renewables¹:		
Medicine Bow Energy (WY)	8%	
Silver Sage Energy (WY)	24%	
Wind RECs (CO, WY)	68%	
Total Eligible Renewables	100%	0.3%
Coal		75.4%
Hydro		19.6%
Gas		0.8%
Other ²		4%
TOTALS	100%	100%



River's Edge Natural Area to open at former HP/Agilent site

Construction is underway at River's Edge Natural Area, the former HP/Agilent open space property along West 1st Street. This newest property of the City of Loveland's Open Lands is planned to be open and ready for public access in the fall of 2013. A combination of open space tax dollars, capital expansion fees and grants have made the acquisition and development of River's Edge possible.

The site, which is south of the recreation trail between Centennial and Fairgrounds Park, will provide excellent recreational opportunities for fishing, hiking, bicycling, bird watching, wildlife viewing and environmental education. The area will be accessible via a new entrance road at 960 West 1st St., leading visitors through woodlands and restored gravel ponds to a paved parking area that has public restrooms, picnic shelters and a trailhead kiosk.

River's Edge will also be accessible from the southwest along a footpath

from the parking lot of the Thompson R2-J building, heading north through Ryan Gulch and linking to the fishing ponds at River's Edge.

Trail connections will enable additional access to the site from the existing recreation trail along the Big Thompson River. A new wetland boardwalk and boulder seating walls will provide a unique, up-close experience along the water's edge of Bass Pond.

All three ponds on the property will feature trails leading to fishing



and float tube access points, as well as an ADA-accessible fishing dock on Dragonfly Pond. Funding for this portion of the project was received through a *Fishing is Fun* grant awarded by Colorado Parks & Wildlife.

Crews have removed hundreds of invasive Russian olive trees and

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Extra projects ahead this summer

Some construction events this summer will have greater-than-usual impact on Loveland's streets. Every year during the warm weather months, improvements and repairs to local roadways occur, but this year some significant additional projects will take place.

And although these projects impact the roadways owned by the City of Loveland, they are not City projects. They are projects by the gas company and railroad; Xcel Energy and Burlington Northern Santa Fe.

Pipeline project

Xcel Energy has begun work to install more than seven miles of new and replacement natural gas pipeline within Loveland. In Loveland, most of the Xcel Energy work will be adjacent to Wilson Avenue, plus additional work on 29th Street between Taft and Wilson. The construction areas will be scattered along those routes.

The first portion of the project has begun at Wilson and 29th Street and continues east along 29th to Taft. It then moves north for a few blocks.

The work here is part of their major project that totals about 77 miles of pipeline from Westminster to Wyoming.

In addition to providing direct information to residents and businesses along the routes via door-hangers and direct mailings, Xcel Energy has established a phone line, email line and website specifically for information regarding their project. They are: 1-855-875-7633, info@xcelenergywestmainpipeline.com and www.xcelenergywestmainpipeline.com.

Railroad projects

Replacement of as many as three railroad crossings in Loveland is likely this summer. Reconstruction of the north-south track crossing at 10th Street began in mid-May, closing 10th Street from Cleveland to Garfield for approximately 10 days.

Other railroad crossing reconstruction projects are possible at Cleveland,

Lincoln and Garfield. Plans have not yet been finalized.

Burlington Northern will replace the tracks and crossing materials. The City of Loveland will then immediately repave small portions of the streets where they adjoin the crossings.

For information about the crossings, contact Hayley.Brown@bnsf.com, 817-304-9463.

For your frig

Emergency Info Sources

If there's an emergency in Loveland, do you know where to get the information you need?

A list of emergency information sources can be as close as your refrigerator.

A limited number of free "Be Prepared" magnets listing Loveland's emergency information sources are available at these City buildings:

- The City Clerk's Office in city hall, 500 E. 3rd St.
- The fire department's Community Safety Office, 2nd floor, FAB, 410 E. 5th St.
- The front desk of the Water and Power building, 200 N. Wilson Ave.

Or, simply cut out the information below and affix it to your frig or bulletin board.



Loveland Emergency Information

Be Informed

Some or all of these resources may be utilized during an emergency or special situation. Some resources may not be available immediately.

City of Loveland Info Sources:

- Official City website: www.cityofloveland.org
- 1610 AM radio: City's AM radio station
- Info line/call center: 962-2020
- City of Loveland Twitter: www.twitter.com/CityofLoveland
- City of Loveland Facebook: www.facebook.com/cityoflovelandCO
- Cell, email notifications: Sign up at www.LETA911.org
- eNews emails: Subscribe at www.cityofloveland.org/eNews
- Channel 16 cable TV: City cable TV channel

Other sources:

- Larimer County website: www.larimer.org
- Larimer County Info Line: 498-5500
- Phone 211: Area assistance phone line; www.firstcall211.org

HAVE AN EMERGENCY? CALL 911

Food, fun and fireworks on July 4th

Once again, the annual Independence Day celebration at North Lake Park will include food, fun, fireworks and music by the Loveland Concert Band. The Veteran Motor Car Club show will be back this year with over 25 vintage cars from decades spanning the 1920's

to 1970's. The Lions Club will also be running the North Lake Park train all day for rides.

Certain areas will be off-limits for the safety of spectators. The Swim Beach, playground and basketball courts will be closed July 3-4. In addition, this year

pedestrian access to the amphitheater and ball fields south of Loveland High School (LHS) will be from the walkway that runs north around the fishing pond along W. 29th St. The rear of the amphitheater will be reserved for public safety



July 4th Festival Vendors and Activities

Organization	Activity
Veteran Motor Club	25 vintage collector vehicles display
Loveland Lions Club	Hamburgers, chips, drinks, train rides
Serving Youth of N. Colorado	Hot dogs, bratwurst, drinks
Girl's Golf Club	Kettle corn
Calvary Reform Church	Cotton candy
Campion SDA Youth Group	Nachos, slushies, lemonade
Loveland Historical Society	Lone Tree school tours
Eckankar	Information
Search and Rescue	Information
Not for Sale	Information on modern-day slavery
Big Thompson Interact.	Face painting, balloon animals
Society of Constitutional Education	Information
League of Women Voters	Register votes

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for an additional \$2.70 each. Many or just a few blocks can be purchased to meet specific energy requirements. Residents, small businesses or large corporations can make the switch to clean, renewable energy.

The 2012 and 2013 product content labels list the content mixes for Loveland's renewable electricity last year and the prospective content mix for the current year. The Renewable Mix contains the product mix that GreenSwitch customers receive. The Default Mix shows the product mix that non-participating customers receive.

To join GreenSwitch, go to www.cityofloveland.org/GreenSwitch, call 962-2111, or pick up an application at the City's Utility Billing office, 500 E. Third St.

Why Recyclebank?

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- Recycling brings Recyclebank rewards
 - Discounts, coupons, freebies, deals, prizes
 - Rewards from local, national and online businesses
 - Participation is totally optional
 - Participation is totally free

What rewards can I earn?

- Free latte at McDonalds
- BOGO entrée at Ruby Tuesday
- 20 percent off at Macy's
- 20 percent off at Dick's Sporting Goods
- 33 percent off at Bed Bath and Beyond
- Gift cards from Best Buy, Amazon, Applebee's and others
- Discounts and deals at local businesses
- And dozens of other rewards

Beginning in July, visit www.recyclebank.com to sign up and view all the reward options.

personnel and vendor access.

Parking will be available on 29th Street from Duffield to the golf course with handicap parking from Taft Avenue to Beech Drive. Additional parking for a fee will be available in the LHS lot plus some additional free handicap parking at LHS. To ease traffic congestion, attendees are encouraged to walk or bike to the park.

Personal fireworks, alcoholic beverages, pets (except for service dogs) and overnight camping in North Lake Park are prohibited. For more 4th of July information and maps, go to www.CityofLoveland.org/July4th or call 962-2519.

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National Honor Society volunteers from Loveland High School planted more than 170 native trees and shrubs during a recent Arbor Day project to improve habitat.

Wetland enhancements are under way on all ponds to create fish habitat and provide waterfowl, songbirds and mammals with valuable forage and cover along the Big Thompson River corridor. A new bridge over Ryan Gulch will connect trails from River's Edge to the adjacent Jayhawker Ponds where fishing is currently allowed.

The Loveland Open Lands Division was awarded a Great Outdoors Colorado (Lottery) grant to fund the Larimer County Youth Corps for three weeks to install new boundary fencing for the project. Wildlife-friendly, split-rail fencing and walk-through access points will replace the existing chain link fencing along West 1st Street and around the site.

The Open Lands Division will also be recruiting volunteer trail hosts to provide stewardship, assist and educate visitors and answer questions about the site.

With its proximity to downtown Loveland, connectivity to the current recreation trail and diversity of habitat and wildlife, the new River's Edge Natural Area will provide an exceptional recreational and wildlife viewing experience for the citizens of Loveland.

For construction updates and information about volunteer opportunities, visit www.cityofloveland.org/OpenLands.

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