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After The Move Checklist



Things to do when the movers leave

Now that the movers have come and gone, you can congratulate yourself on a job well done. You know how much planning and organization went into making it all happen and you deserve a chance to sit and relax. But don't throw away that checklist just yet. There are still plenty of things to do before you can completely be settled. Here are a few important things to do besides unpacking.



✓ You will need to update your driver's license and get new tags and plates for your cars. Check with your local Division of Motor Vehicles for more details, or refer to our Newcomer and Community Information inside this magazine.

✓ Be sure that the post office is going to forward your mail to your new address. You can do this online, or you can fill out a form at your local post office and maybe even meet some new neighbors while standing in line!



✓ Make sure all of your insurance policies are up to date. You may need new policies for your house, auto and health, particularly if you have moved to a new state.

✓ A great way to learn about your new community is to order a subscription to the local newspaper. Many even offer discounts for new subscribers and they often have local neighborhood editions inserted weekly. This is a great way

to learn the ins and outs of your new neighborhood.

✓ Search out new health professionals such as doctors, dentists, and even vets. These are things you will want to have in place before any emergency pops up. Neighbors and co-workers are always a good referral source for these types of services.

✓ Most likely you will need to register to vote. Even if you have just moved from one county to another within the same state, most states will require that you register in your new county. For more information, you can refer to our Newcomer and Community Information inside this magazine.



✓ Make a visit to the neighborhood bank to set up new accounts, have money transferred, get credit and debit cards, and order those checks with your new address.

✓ Visit your local library and get a library card. The kids can even get their own with their new address on it! The local library is another great place to meet other families in your new neighborhood.

✓ Visit your neighborhood schools and get your children enrolled as soon as possible. You may also want to consider enrolling them in an online or charter school, as most states offer this type of education at no cost because it is a public school. Either way, the sooner you get your children enrolled and involved in the community, the faster they will adapt to their new environment.

✓ Find a place in your new home to keep all your receipts and documents related to your move all in one file. You will need to know where everything is in the event you need to make an insurance claim with the movers or when you file your income taxes the next spring.



✓ Keep in mind that your insurance policies may have a limited time that you can file a claim regarding items damaged during your move. You should run a check of all your electronics and major appliances to make sure they have survived the move and are in good working order. These are most likely all items that would be expensive to replace, so you should make sure they are all working as soon as you can.

Remember that moving is the third most stressful life event, according to the Employee Relocation Council. Settling in will be a gradual process, but your patience will be rewarded in the long run.

The quicker you can cross these things off your checklist, the sooner you can begin to relax and truly enjoy your new home and community.



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*Give your old things a
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How exciting to move into your new home! But when your furniture and accessories are unpacked, it can sometimes feel like it is just the same old stuff in a brand new setting.

Unfortunately a move usually means money will be tight for awhile. So how do you freshen up your new space without breaking the bank?

Follow these three steps to breathe new life into your home, room by room:

STEP 1: Evaluate each space. When you live with items for a long time, it can be easy to overlook furniture that is in disrepair, tattered pillows or accessories that are just plain ugly or boring. Step back and give a more critical scan of the place – as if you are visiting someone else's home. Does your home's décor reflect your family's lifestyle? Is your furniture both functional and attractive? Are you still hanging on to hand-me-down furniture that you have been hauling around for the last 20 years? If something is way past its prime, throw it out or replace it with a new piece that better fits your style. Once you review what you have, edit your stuff. Do you display things that you don't really care for but were a gift or perhaps you feel obligated to put it out simply because it was expensive? You're in a new home and deserve a fresh start. Give yourself permission to only live with the things you love and use every day.

STEP 2: Create a "theme" that can unify your entire home. We're not talking animal prints or country roosters. A theme means finding a common element, such as a fabric, a bold accent color or general palette, which can be incorporated in each room that brings a fashionable cohesiveness to the space. Paint is the top choice for an instant

and affordable update. Neutrals are the easiest choice for walls and offer the most flexibility, but they don't have to be boring. Instead of tan, select "greige" – a beautiful combination of beige and gray that provides a fresh and neutral backdrop for any style of furniture. If you want to step out of the box, consider pale lilac or a soft green-yellow. This year's hottest accent color is a mint green spearmint, while the Color Marketing Group calls RE-Blued the color of 2013.

STEP 3: Go for it! Starting with the space your family uses most, paint the whole room or consider adding a new hue to just the ceiling. With a fresh backdrop, start experimenting with furniture placement. Moving sofas and chairs away from the walls creates a more intimate setting for conversation and visually makes a room appear larger. Switch things up – how about swapping the living room loveseat with a family room reading chair in your new home? You will be amazed how much difference simply moving your old things around the house makes.

Simple changes = Big impact

- If you don't want to commit to painting an entire room, try just one spectacular wall in a rich, fabulous color like dark chocolate, eggplant, bronze or dark orange.
- Update your lighting, including adding dimmers wherever possible. CFLs are environmentally-friendly and great options to save energy and money.
- Declutter, declutter, declutter.
- A fabulous new area rug in the living or dining room can add a shot of energy.
- Pay special attention to your entryway – as that is the first impression people will get of your space. Make it warm and inviting.
- Consider slipcovers for an immediate new twist on old furniture.
- Fresh flowers are always an instant pick-me-up.

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Hot Tips – Cold Cash

25 Easy Ways to Save Money and Energy

Saving energy not only feels good, but it can save you big bucks as a homeowner. Get off on the right carbon footprint in your new home with these tips:

- 1 Find out if your utility company offers free or low-cost **energy audits**. Not only will your new home be inspected for energy efficiency you will receive invaluable tips on slashing energy costs while keeping your home feeling comfortable.
- 2 Use a **programmable thermostat**. This small investment (usually around \$40-\$70) pays off big. According to ENERGY STAR, the proper use of a pre-programmed thermostat can save about \$180 every year in energy costs.
- 3 If you're handy, **inspect your heating and cooling ducts**, including exposed one in the basement and attic. Seal them with mastic or metal-backed foil tape and then insulate them. This alone can improve the efficiency of your heating and cooling systems by as much as 20%.
- 4 Don't put off **regular maintenance of your heating and cooling systems**. Just like your car, they won't run optimally and eventually break down if they are not maintained.
- 5 Keep the air flowing by **changing your air filter regularly**.
- 6 Set your **water heater's temperature to 120 degrees** for maximum benefit and insulate it for even more savings.
- 7 Need to **replace your water heater?** Consider a money-saving tankless model.
- 8 Whatever new appliance you purchase, make sure it has an **ENERGY STAR rating**.
- 9 **Apply caulk or weather stripping** to all windows and doors in your home, including your glass sliding doors. In addition seal any energy leaks around electrical outlets.
- 10 **Don't heat unused spaces**; shut the registers and close the doors to rooms you don't regularly use.
- 11 **A leaky faucet or toilet will flush a lot of your money down the pipes**. Fix them immediately!
- 12 Remember a **10-minute shower** uses less water than a bath.
- 13 Install **energy-efficient and long-lasting CFL bulbs** wherever possible. This also goes for your outdoor lighting.
- 14 **Use window coverings** to take advantage of the warm sun during cold months by leaving them open during the day. In the dogs days of summer, keep them closed to keep the searing heat out.
- 15 **Proper use of interior ceiling fans** can help keep your house cool in the summer and warm in the winter.
- 16 Simply **turning off the lights** when you're not in the room will save money and energy.
- 17 Use only **warm or cold water to wash your clothes** and rinse only with cold water.
- 18 Drying your clothes is a huge energy-drain. **Do loads of laundry consecutively** so that you can take advantage of the heated dryer. Better yet, cut back on your dryer use by using a drying rack for your clothes. Save the dryer for heavy items like towels and other heavy items.
- 19 Use a **power strip to centrally shut off your electronics** when not in use.
- 20 **Unplug battery chargers and power adapters**, which are notorious energy zappers.
- 21 In the kitchen, **use your microwave instead of your oven** whenever possible to cut your energy costs for cooking by half.
- 22 **Get rid of your old refrigerator and invest in an energy-efficient model**. Some older models can cost more than \$100 a year to operate.
- 23 Wait until your **dishwasher is fully loaded** before running a cycle.
- 24 **Look outside your home for energy-friendly landscaping**. Deciduous trees and bushes can provide a nice wind barrier to reduce heat loss during the winter. And while mature plantings can provide shade in the summer, consider pruning sun-blocking trees or shrubs that prevent you from taking full advantage of the sun's warmth during the winter.
- 25 **Regularly inspect your roof** for damage or leaks around ducts, skylights and chimneys.

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Will Your Remodeling Project PAY OFF?

There are financial factors to consider before you choose a home improvement project and smart homeowners will consider resale value before making a major remodeling investment. Each year REMODELING magazine publishes a study that can help homeowners determine the return on investment for their home improvement projects.

This Cost vs. Value Report contrasts the cost of home improvements with their recouped value if the house is sold today. They compare construction costs for several projects, with estimates of the projects' value in a current market resale scenario. Real estate professionals in residential markets across the country provided return-on-investment estimates.

Landscaping and fresh paint may lure house hunters inside, but once in the door, buyers of existing homes look for functionality, durability, and convenience. That's why it's so important for a resale to be modernized.

Kitchens and baths are among the most popular home improvement projects, which can drive the return on investment. Reports often show



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that many remodeling dollars are spent within the first two years of move in. Under those circumstances repair and replacement projects such as windows or siding may get first attention if they require maintenance. As the housing stock ages, and existing homes continue to sell more than 6 million units a year, those projects may see an increased return on investment. To perform as an amenity, your home's improvement projects should complement and match the style of the existing property.

The resale value of each project is an estimate based on a current market resale scenario. This can be misleading because many newly remodeled homes are not put on the market so soon.

Smart homeowners will ask many questions before starting any remodel or home improvement project. Get advice from both realtors and contractors to decide which home improvement projects make sense for your special circumstances and to insure you get the greatest return on your investment.

Information provided by Remodeling magazine Cost vs. Value Report. Visit: www.remodeling-magazine.com

HOW DOES REMODELING PAY OFF?

(cost recouped, for resale now national average)

Entry Door Replacement – Steel	85.6%
Deck Addition – Wood	77.3%
Garage Door Replacement	75.7%
Minor Kitchen Remodel	75.4%
Window Replacement – Wood	73.3%
Attic Bedroom Remodel	72.9%
Siding Replacement – Vinyl	72.9%
Window Replacement – Vinyl	71.2%
Basement Remodel	70.3%
Major Kitchen Remodel	68.9%
Deck Addition – Composite	67.5%
Entry Door Replacement – Fiberglass	65.9%
Two Story Addition	65.4%
Bathroom Remodel	65.2%
Garage Addition	63.7%
Family Room Addition	63.3%
Master Suite Addition	63.2%
Roofing Replacement	62.9%
Bathroom Addition	56.0%
Back-up Power Generator	52.7%
Sunroom Addition	46.5%
Home Office Remodel	43.6%



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Decorate with Paint

5 Consider these five tips to help with any room decoration or renovation project.

If you want to change the appearance of your home's interior, but are working within a tight budget, there is no easier way to update your space than with a fresh coat of paint. Paint color, sheen, pattern and texture can be combined to create a number of interesting and individual looks for the home. Color is often the first consideration when redecorating, but successfully creating these looks requires some understanding of basic design principles.

1. Monochromatic color schemes are generally easy to create and impart a sophisticated feel within a space. A monochromatic palette consists of different tints or shades of the same color.
2. Contrast can be a powerful element. Often, when two contrasting colors are used, one appears warm and the other cool. Contrasting colors do not have to be bold; they can be soft and subtle. Take your cue from the room – bold in the living or family room and softer contrast in the bedroom.
3. Color can visually change the perception of a room's size. Light, cool colors can make the space appear larger while darker, warm colors often make it seem smaller and more intimate.



4. Pattern can also affect the way a space is perceived. For example, a room can be heightened by painting vertical stripes on the walls.
5. Texture is an important element of design that can add interest and style in any room. Use decorative techniques such as sheen striping or stripling which provides a variegated appearance and give depth to the surface.

Color Moods – The Impact of Paint

Without a doubt there is a psychology of color. Color impacts our mood, our appetite and our energy level. Years of color response research have shown that certain colors elicit specific responses.



COLOR WARM UP

Red, orange, and yellow Colors in the red, orange and yellow families are referred to as “warm” colors since they evoke images associated with heat, like fire or sunshine. As a result they make us feel warm in a psychological sense.

Red This powerful color increases blood pressure and heart rate. It often produces passion and sexuality. It also stimulates the appetite and is often used in restaurants and is a good choice for dining rooms in the home.

Orange Like red, orange warms a room but in a less dramatic and passionate way. The mood and attitude of orange is more friendly than fiery; more welcoming than seductive. Orange works well in living rooms and family rooms and is also a good choice for children's bedrooms.

Yellow Yellow grabs attention and catches the eye like no other color, hence the use of yellow highlighters in offices. In poorly lit foyers and hallways, yellow shows the way. In their bedrooms, elderly people report that yellow lifts their mood. But bright yellow can be too strong and may actually cause anxiety in young children and the elderly.



COLOR COOL OUT

Blue, green, and violet Blues, greens, violets and their intermediates are considered cool colors because of their references to pastoral landscapes and ocean vistas. When we look at these colors they elicit feelings of peace, tranquility and relaxation.

Blue Soothing blue is an ideal bedroom color choice for adults and children. But that same blue that lulls us to sleep also suppresses our appetites, possibly because there are very few naturally blue foods. Put blue to bed, but try to keep it out of the dining room.

Green As the dominant color in nature, we are at home with green anywhere in the house. Light greens work well in baths and living rooms; mid-range greens are a great accent for kitchen and dining rooms. The calming effect of green makes it popular in hospitals, schools and work environments.

Violet Despite the favorable response violet elicits in children, many adults dislike purples, with rosier shades of violet being somewhat more appealing. Children's bedrooms and play areas many be a good place to experiment with the color family.



Revamp Your Space



Tips from American Furniture Warehouse

Furnishing your new home is an adventure in fashion – where the trends change swiftly and dramatically, same as selecting your wardrobe is centered around current fashion trends. Unfortunately, you cannot change out *all* of your furniture to keep up with constantly changing fashion trends or to update looks you have grown tired of. You can still give your new home a fresh feel, bring in the latest color trends and make your home an exciting retreat without stressing your bank account! Consider these simple designing tips:

Rearrange

Plan one room at a time and complete it before you move to the next. Stand in the middle of the room and think about how you will use the room. Is there enough space to arrange the furniture to best suit how you plan to use the room? Go to www.AFWonline.com and experiment with the room planner if you need assistance with this step.

Other simple rearrangement ideas include moving some furniture away from the walls – this adds a unique

touch and changes the room feel and dimensions. If you are not pleased with the overall layout or feel of your room, you may also consider exchanging pieces from one room to another. Just because you bought a new lamp intended for your bedroom doesn't mean it is not better suited for your living room.



Add New Accessories

Accessories are an affordable way to simply update a room, or completely revamp the feel of a space. A new piece of art hung on a focal wall can add drama and introduce a new color scheme. Use the art as a building block to pull colors into new pillows and a throw on the sofa. Other tips involving accessories:

- Update your lamps – pick shades or bases with bright colors that engage and draw your eyes.
- Add an interesting sculpture or piece of colored glass to your cocktail table or mantle – it can become a focal point of the room.
- An area rug adds color and pattern to the floor, creating warmth and atmosphere.
- A leaner mirror placed opposite a window with a view can open a room and make it appear larger.
- A beautiful floral or a touch of greenery adds warmth to any space.

Utilizing any of these tips allows you the opportunity to add your personality to an otherwise neutral room of furniture. Accessories are a smaller purchase that can change the look of any room quickly and effectively.

Add An Artistic Accent

A painted chest or antique armoire is a fashion statement when it is added to most furniture styles. These should not match your existing décor, but instead stand out as an artistic expression complementing your other furnishings. An example of this would be adding a Ningbo (Asian) antique painted piece to a very clean con-

temporary room. The result will be a unique fashion statement that will be charming, as well as create conversation among your friends!

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Organizationally challenged?



A closet case

One of the most important spaces to organize is in your closets.

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- In your bedroom closets, sort like items together and organize by color BEFORE hanging anything. Use the same hangers – wooden, padded or those velvet-covered slimline ones – for a beautifully cohesive look.
- Keep frequently used items at eye-level.
- No shoe shelves? Store footwear in clear boxes or tape a photo to the outside of each shoebox to save time looking for just the right pair of heels or loafers.
- Optimize your linen closets by storing same-sized sheet sets together in their matching pillowcases. Use tote-able baskets or canvas cubes to store extra tablecloths, napkins and placemats. Another option is hanging cleaned and pressed tablecloths on a skirt or pant hanger in your closet.
- If you have extra closets, store out-of-season clothes there or in long plastic bins under the bed. A well outfitted closet should include shelving, hanging space with varying heights, drawers and/or open storage bins. If your closet falls short, consider investing in a closet organizing system.

So now that you are completely organized, you need to stay that way. Make a habit of putting things away when you're done using them. Each night spend just 10-15 minutes before bed straightening things up, wiping down countertops and returning misplaced items to their rightful home.

Waking up each morning to a clean, orderly home will set a positive tone for the day ahead.

Now's the time to bring order to your home – and your life

Anyone who has ever moved into a new home knows the giddiness of starting fresh and getting the opportunity to finally get organized!

But all too often, we rush to unpack and then spend weeks, months, if not years, trying to organize and re-organize our stuff.

Don't let this happen to you. Take the time to create a game plan and then follow through. Have a designated place for every item you own BEFORE you unpack one box.

Get started

Hopefully, you already purged unused, broken or unneeded items BEFORE you moved. This not only saves time, money and precious space, it allows you to move into your new home without additional clutter.

Beginning with the kitchen — lay out a plan to store items closest to the area you will use them.

- Place cookware adjacent to the stove while glassware and dishes should be stored near the sink and dishwasher.
- Keep sandwich bags, foil, plastic wrap and parchment paper in one drawer for quick access to pack lunches or wrap up leftovers.
- Use risers or lazy-susans to display spices, canned goods and other pantry items in cupboards to avoid things getting lost in the back.
- Consider a grocery inventory list on

the fridge or inside a cupboard to avoid duplicate items.

- If you love to bake, create a special area to house all your baking dishes, mixers, rolling pin, flour, sugar, etc. in one place.
- For fine china and crystal that is not used daily, pack carefully and store elsewhere, such as the basement, garage or a buffet so it doesn't take up precious real estate in your kitchen.

In living areas, seek out furniture that not only is beautiful but functional to help with your storage needs. For example, a trunk that can be filled with blankets and extra pillows can make a great cocktail table. Built-ins can artfully display sentimental items, framed photos, books and plants.

Keep bathrooms clutter-free for easy clean-up. Install medicine cabinets and make full use of cabinetry to store essentials. Stock each bathroom with a mini cleaning kit: surface, glass and toilet bowl cleaners, sponges, paper towels, etc. Stowed in a handled bucket under the sink, this portable kit will make keeping up with daily and weekly cleaning a snap.

Avoid turning your entryway into a dumping ground by installing hooks for coats and backpacks, put out a basket or boot tray for footwear and have a small table with a beautiful bowl or soap dish to keep keys from getting lost. A nearby wastebasket catches junk mail.

Custom Closets – What to Look for, and Where

Mark Lestikow, president of The Closet Factory in Denver encourages new movers to use this as an opportunity to change bad habits and get organized right from the start. “Moving into a new home with newly organized closets adds to the pleasure of a happy experience. I would definitely encourage new movers to organize their closets now, to facilitate settling into their new environment and avoid dissatisfactions that may arise from the *honey this doesn't fit syndrome*.”

The following five questions should help you identify the closet, and the closet company right for you.

1. Are there different types of closet systems, or are they all pretty similar? There are two main types of closet units. One is called a wall-hung system, and the other a floor-based system. Ask the closet companies you interview the difference between the two, and which would be most appropriate for your individual needs and expectations.

2. Custom manufactured vs. pre-built systems? Although most closet companies say they are custom, few truly are. A custom closet, as you would expect, is high in quality, offers more efficient space utilization and often is the best value for your investment.

3. Will I have the opportunity to work with a design consultant or see a showroom with examples of product? Having a trained professional designer come to your home is a nice option because they can take your exact measurements and prepare a personalized design that fits your specific needs.

4. What about installation? It is important to distinguish if the installers are employees or independent contractors. There can be a tremendous difference in the final result if a trained employee installs your custom closet versus an untrained independent.

5. How do I pick the right company? The company you choose to install your custom closet is your key decision. All custom closet companies are not the same. Evaluate how you were treated from the first time you called. Were you able to speak with a knowledgeable person immediately, or at least receive a prompt returned call to your inquiry?

Be sure to get a written guarantee, preferably one that will be in effect as long as you live in the house.

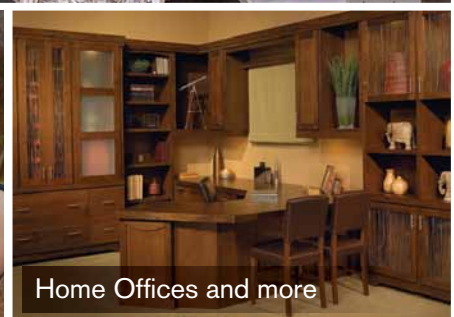
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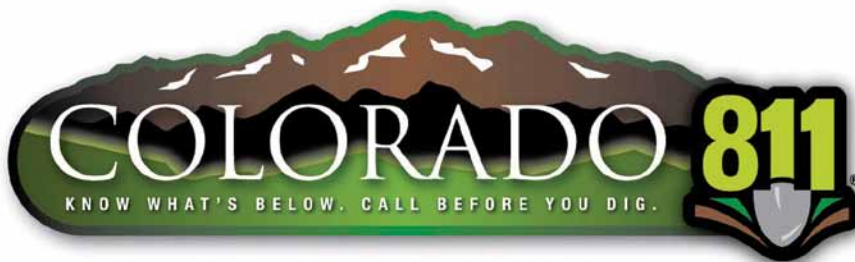
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Spring watering in a drought



Denver Water's Cheesman Reservoir, Jan. 2, 2013. The receding shoreline is due to a dry winter across Colorado that is leading to low snowpack.

A dry winter across Colorado has led to low snowpack, and mountain streamflows are expected to be well below normal. Denver Water may move to a Stage 2 drought this spring or summer, which means we would require customers to limit days and times for outdoor watering.

Denver Water's response to the water supply situation and watering rules could change at any time pending current weather conditions.

For the average home, grass and landscape irrigation accounts for 54 percent of water use. To cut your water use outdoors during the spring months, follow these easy tips:

- Based on current weather conditions, operate your automatic sprinkler system manually as needed until the warmer summer months.
- Adjust your watering times each month (or more often) based

on drought rules and weather conditions.

- Look for and repair leaking or damaged sprinkler heads or system leaks. Leaks that go unfixed can really increase your water bill.
- Always avoid watering outdoors on rainy or windy days.
- Check with your water utility for available rebates when you add irrigation efficiency enhancers to your irrigation system.
- Use Xeriscape techniques and replace sections of lawn with beautiful drought-resistant plants that grow well in our climate. Denver Water customers can order a FREE Water Wise Landscape Handbook, full of tips to help you cut your water use by visiting www.denverwater.org/bookstore.

Denver Water has a permanent restriction against watering with spray irrigation between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. from May 1 to October 1. Additional watering rules are available at www.denverwater.org.

Rebates to help you save indoors

During a drought, it's more important than ever to cut water use indoors, too. Toilets and laundry account for 45 percent of indoor water use. Denver Water has rebates available for customers who purchase eligible high-efficiency clothes washers or toilets.

- High-efficiency clothes washers: \$100 rebate
- High-efficiency toilets: \$75 rebate

Before making a purchase, visit www.denverwater.org/Conservation/Rebates for more information and rebate rules as they are subject to change.



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anyone will find they are eligible to join a credit union.

As you begin to settle into your new community and wade through the numerous options available, you just may find that credit union membership is the answer to all your financial needs.

Here are the top reasons to join a credit union.

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1. Better interest rates and lower fees.

Credit unions are usually able to offer their members better interest rates and lower fees. When you're getting better interest rates and paying lower fees, you get to keep and save more of YOUR money, helping you take-charge of your financial life.

2. Full line of products and services.

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Finding Quality Child Care



Here are some tips to make sure the child care you select is the most comfortable and safest environment possible for your child.

Finding the best child care for your children can be a time consuming process. However, as a parent you know it is important to take the time to find out what is best for your children in a new situation. What type of care is right for you — a child care center, in-home day care, nanny or babysitter? Here are some tips to make sure the child care you select is the most comfortable and safest environment possible for your child.

First, make a list of your needs. This can be time consuming but can really help you organize your thoughts and priorities.

- Do you have a limited budget?
- What hours will you need care?
- How close does the provider need to be to your home?
- Do you need strict or lenient discipline?
- Will your children need to be transported to and from school?

Next, make a list of your children's needs.

- How much structure do they need?
- Do they have special physical or emotional needs?
- Do they have any allergies or special dietary needs?

Once you've answered these questions, you're better prepared to decide what type of care you prefer — a child care center, care in someone else's home or care in your home.

Choosing A Child Care Center

It is a good idea to visit any child care center you are considering at least three times before you enroll your child. Consider the first a business meeting. Use this time to go over any contracts you must sign, to learn the center's schedule for regular days as well as their holiday schedule, to learn the center's rules for the children to follow and to understand all policies regarding payments, credits and sick child care.

On your second visit observe the center while it is operational. Are the physical and emotional needs of the children met, is the environment safe, are there plenty of activities, and do the children seem happy at the center?

On your third visit bring your children to make sure they feel comfortable in the environment. You should also make an appointment with social services in your county to view the center's file, which would show any complaints the center may have had.

Child Care Checklist

- Is the provider licensed with the state?
- Is there a center-based creative curriculum to challenge your child's development?
- Do children at the program seem happy and relaxed?
- Are there provisions for isolating a sick child?
- Are emergency procedures and phone numbers posted?
- Is the care area clean and sanitary?
- Are menus with nutritionally balanced meals posted?
- Is there an area for children to take naps?
- Are there specific procedures for releasing children?
- Are parents welcome and encouraged to visit?
- Is outdoor equipment safe and in a fenced in area?
- Does the staff give children individual attention?
- Is the staff sensitive to the needs of both children and parents?
- Are computers available at all times?
- Are there specific activities for different age groups?
- Is there a summer program available?
- Are medications stored and administered safely?
- How is discipline handled?
- Are there accommodations for safe transportation?

Reasons to Consider an Online Education For Your Child

Now that the move is finally over, you may be worrying whether your child's transition to your new neighborhood school will be as successful. Will you like the new teacher and administration at the new school? Will they understand that your child may not learn the same way as the others? Will the new kids be friendly?

You do have a choice whether or not to send your child to the traditional public neighborhood school. No matter where you live you can enroll your child in an online school of your choice at no cost because it is a public school. And there are many reasons why an online education just might be the perfect choice for your child and your family.

What is an Online Education?

Online education combines creativity, problem solving and communication with technology to give students the skills necessary to thrive in today's technology-driven world. Because students already use technology, online education is the ultimate tool for 21st century learners.

The foundation of online education is the virtual classroom. Benefits of the virtual classroom include:

- Flexibility in scheduling, live teacher instruction and feedback, and the opportunity to work independently
- The opportunity for students to interact with the teacher and classmates by oral and written communication
- Recorded virtual classes – all classes are recorded and archived for reviewing/playback purposes

Online education is similar to a home school online, but the online school provides the curriculum. Your child can receive the same quality education online that they would in a public school classroom. The curriculum is the same and the school year is the same, with increased flexibility in day-to-day activities.



Online education was created to fit the needs of students today and their families as well as outside demands. Online education has created a whole new kind of school experience for your child that is focused on student development and centered on community.

In fact, community is a vital element of most online schools. Receiving an education online doesn't mean your child won't participate in the social activities vital to their development. Not all online schools have a community behind them, but successful programs encourage relationships within the education community, between students, families and teachers.

Students Learn at Their Own Pace

Individualized learning is another important part of an online education. Students are placed in courses that will benefit their abilities and interests. Teachers differentiate according to student needs as they progress at their own pace. One parent with a child attending an online school in Colorado was quoted as saying "The online education is perfect for him because no one needs to see when he is struggling and he can get help privately."

And an online principal agrees. "Not all students learn in the same way and not all students thrive in the same environment. We wanted to be able to provide a product for all the students that live within our school district and our state. In order to do that, the old bricks and mortar thing that kids have been doing for years and years is not enough any more."

So don't just automatically enroll your child in your new neighborhood school. You really do have options and an online education could be just the right choice for you, your child and your family! Check out your online

"Online education is perfect for him because no one needs to see when he is struggling and he can get help privately."

education options in your new city and see what they offer, compared to the traditional school in your new neighborhood.



Exempla Emergency Rooms Offer New Free Service

In today's busy world most of us appreciate the opportunity to make appointments for things that we do on a regular basis, such as haircuts, dental visits, tee times for golf and even call ahead seating for restaurants. But what about things that are unexpected and often very stressful, such as a trip to the emergency room? Wouldn't it be nice if you could hold your place online for emergency room visits? Well, now you can!

Exempla Healthcare is the first hospital system in Colorado to implement InQuicker, an online service that enables patients to hold their place in line. If you experience a non-life threatening emergency, you can go online, choose one of their three locations and check-in. You will be prompted to give a brief description of your symptoms, tell them when you would like to be seen, and wait in the comfort of your home instead of a crowded emergency room.

"If you experience a non-life threatening emergency, you can go online, choose one of their three locations and check-in."

InQuicker is not an appointment or reservation service, as the nature of ER triage does not allow for the scheduling of medical treatment. Rather, the InQuicker system estimates treatment times based on current patient traffic conditions and allows the user to wait in line *at home*, instead of in the waiting room.

The system is designed to filter certain symptom keywords that may indicate a life-threatening medical condition, and those users are prompted to dial 911 or go immediately to the nearest emergency room.

The benefit to the patient is easy to see. Nobody wants to wait for hours in the waiting room of a hospital emergency room. Many times you are sick and would be much more comfortable waiting in your own home. An additional benefit is for the hospital's doctors and staff. They have embraced this new system and appreciate it just as much as the patients.

"We are offering the use of InQuicker free-of-charge to our patients, and believe that the service will help eliminate much of the uncertainty that often comes with visits to the emergency room."

check in ahead with InQuicker, we can better control the timing of visits and provide better service. We can shift patient visits slightly before or after the busiest times, thus allowing them to rest at home, rather than waiting at the hospital. In addition, our patients aren't sitting together in the waiting room spreading germs to one another."

"We are thrilled to take this extra step in patient satisfaction, and to be the first in Colorado to launch this service," said Bob Ladenburger, executive vice president of hospital operations at SCLHS, who oversees operations of the Exempla care sites. We are offering the use of InQuicker free-of-charge to our patients, and believe that the service will help eliminate much of the uncertainty that often comes with visits to the emergency room.

The three Denver-area care sites are Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital in Denver, Exempla Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge or Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center in Lafayette.

About Exempla Healthcare

Exempla Healthcare was formed in 1998 by joining two long-standing hospitals with more than one hundred years in operation, Saint Joseph Hospital and Lutheran Medical Center. Exempla expanded to serve the growing northwest Denver metro area with the opening of Good Samaritan Medical Center in 2004. Exempla is a member of Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System, a faith-based, not for profit, mission-driven health care organization that operates 11 care sites, four clinics and one youth resident in four states: California, Colorado, Kansas and Montana. To learn more about InQuicker visit InQuicker.com.



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Ten Digit Dialing

As a newcomer, you need to be aware that Colorado has ten-digit local dialing. It's really very easy. Just remember to dial the area code before the seven-digit local number. Dialing "1" before the ten digits is only needed when placing a long distance call. Keeping this in mind could prevent you from seeing unnecessary long-distance charges on your telephone bill. Remember, too, that you shouldn't dial a "0" when placing a ten-digit local call. Doing so will only route your call directly to a telephone operator.

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Non-resident students and Armed Forces personnel are not required to obtain Colorado license plates or a Colorado driver's license if they have valid plates and a valid license from their home state.

A newcomer to Colorado must obtain a Colorado driver's license within 30 days after establishing residency. In most cases, if your present license is valid, you will only need to pass a written examination and eye test. For more information call 303-205-5600 or visit dmv.org/co-colorado

Auto Emissions Inspections

Emission testing is required when registering or selling vehicles in the counties of Denver, Boulder, Broomfield, Jefferson, Douglas and partial areas of Adams and Arapahoe counties. Testing can be done at any one of Envirotest's 14 convenient locations, or ask about Rapidscreen Roadside Emissions Testing. For more information on station locations, maps and directions, testing requirements and procedures, company information and job opportunities, visit them on the web at aircarecolorado.com or call the Air Care Colorado Hotline 303-456-7090 (See ad page 25.)

For further questions call the Department of Revenue Emissions at 303-205-5603.

Automobile Registration

To obtain your registration you must register your car in the county where you live and you must bring the following items:

- 1) A valid emissions test and a form DR2087 showing verification of your vehicle I.D. number. Both of these are available from an Emissions Inspection Station.
- 2) Vehicle title and registration.
- 3) Proof of insurance, which must include the year, make, and vehicle identification number (VIN) of the vehicle. Also, be sure to include the policy effective date.

A Colorado State vehicle inspection is required on all vehicles purchased with an out-of-state title. Fees may be paid by check, cash or money order.

You can contact your particular county for further information. Operating hours may vary. Check with each office for details.

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Driver's License

Residents can apply for a Colorado driver's license by completing the following requirements:

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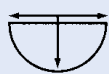


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- 3) Reside at a Colorado residence address and provide proof of legal presence.
 - 4) Have your photograph and fingerprints taken.
 - 5) Pay the required fee.
 - 6) Driver's license available at any one of the following offices in the metro area:
 - Boulder..... 303-442-3006
 - Castle Rock..... 303-627-0985
 - Denver-Central..... 303-937-9507
 - Denver-NE..... 303-373-0161
 - Evergreen..... 720-497-1182
 - Lakewood..... 303-205-5609
 - Littleton..... 303-795-5954
 - Northglenn & Thornton..... 720-929-8636
 - Parker..... 303-627-0985
- For further assistance regarding driver's license information call 303-205-5607.

Automobile Insurance

Under Colorado's tort system you are only required to buy liability coverage to pay for medical bills and property damage that you cause when you are at fault in an accident. You may also choose to buy additional medical coverage to help pay for your own injuries. For more information contact RMIIA..... 1-800-355-9524

Auto Clubs

AAA Auto Club-Colorado..... 303-753-8800

Road Conditions

For updated road conditions throughout Colorado, call the Road and Weather Information Hotline from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)..... 5-1-1

Child Car Restraints

It is a Colorado State law that every child under 4 years of age and weighing less than 40 pounds must be in an approved child car seat.

Transportation

Commuter Choices Program: Traveling around the State of Colorado just got easier with Commuter Choice. Each category will provide you with options for transportation from shopping trips to helping you make informed decisions about your daily commute..... 303-757-9982

Bicycling: Colorado Department of Transportation..... 303-757-9982

Bus Service: Regional Transportation District (RTD)..... 303-299-6000

Provides local, express and regional bus, and light rail service throughout the metropolitan area. Also includes Park-n-Ride locations and offers special services such as skyride bus service to Denver International Airport (DIA), Bronco-Side and RockiesRide.

Carpool and Vanpool Programs: RideArrangers can help you locate other commuters who want to share the ride to work through its free carpool matching service or by helping your company set up a vanpool program.... www.RideArrangers.org

Schoolpool Program: This free service offers relief to busy parents by assisting in the development of carpools among families with students in metro area schools. www.RideArrangers.org

Telework Program: RideArrangers' free consulting service for employers in metro Denver is a

one-stop resource for information, materials, expert advice and hands-on assistance on creating and implementing a telework program tailored specifically to your company..... 303-458-7665

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Denver International Airport

Airport Paging..... 303-342-2300
 Ground Transportation 303-342-4059
 Lost and Found..... 303-342-4062
 RTD's Skyride..... 303-299-6000
 SuperShuttle 800-BLUE-VAN

Taxi Service

Metro Taxi..... 303-333-3333
 Yellow Cab 303-777-7777
 Zone Cab..... 303-444-8888

Train Service

Amtrak - Union Station Info 303-534-2812

Credit Unions

Westerra Credit Union..... 303-321-4209
 Bellco Credit Union..... 800-235-5261

U.S. Postal Service

Postal Answer Line 1-800-275-8777
www.usps.com

Time & Temperature

Weatherline 303-337-2500

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★ Boulder	5655 Airport Boulevard	★ Ken Caryl	10727 Centennial Road
★ Broomfield	11609 Teller Street	★ Longmont	4040 Rogers Road
★ Castle Rock	541 Topeka Way	★ Northglenn	1950 E. 112th Avenue
★ County Line	8494 S. Colorado	★ Parker	10199 Park Glenn Way
★ Denver Central	2300 S. Lipan Street	★ Sheridan	2802 W. Mansfield Avenue

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Libraries

Arapahoe.....	303-542-7279
Aurora.....	303-739-6600
Brighton.....	303-659-2572
Boulder.....	303-441-3100
Denver Public Library, Main.....	720-865-1111
Douglas County.....	303-791-7323
Englewood.....	303-762-2555
Jefferson County.....	303-235-5275

Voter Registration

- Voters who move from one county to another in Colorado must re-register to vote in the new county.

- Voters who move within the county must complete a change of address at least 29 days prior to an election.
- Residents can register to vote or change an address at any Driver's License office, City Clerk's office or Motor Vehicle office.

For further information, contact the voter registration office in your county:

Adams County.....	720-523-6020
Arapahoe County.....	303-795-4511
Denver County.....	720-913-8600
Douglas County.....	303-660-7444
Jefferson County.....	303-271-8111

Emergency Numbers

In most areas 9-1-1 will access emergency ambulance, fire or police. Please verify that this is indeed true for your county, as there are some exceptions.

County Sheriffs

Adams County.....	303-654-1850
Arapahoe County.....	303-795-4711
Boulder County.....	303-441-4444
Denver Police.....	720-913-2000
Douglas County.....	303-660-7500
Jefferson County.....	303-277-0211
Rocky Mountain Poison Center.....	303-739-1123
Xcel Energy Electric Emergency/ Power Outage.....	1-800-895-1999
Xcel Energy Gas Emergency/ Gas Odor.....	1-800-895-2999

Utilities

Gas & Electric

Xcel Energy 24-Hour Emergency Electric Emergency/ Power Outage.....	1-800-895-1999
Gas Emergency/Gas Odor.....	1-800-895-2999
Residential 24-Hour Customer Service and Billing.....	1-800-895-4999
TDD/TTY Support.....	1-800-895-4949
Product Information and Sales.....	1-800-895-4999
HomeSmart from Xcel Energy Appliance Service/Installation.....	1-866-837-9762

Business Solutions Centers –

Customer Service & Billing.....	1-800-481-4700
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Other

Call Before You Dig/Utility Notification Center of Colorado.....	1-800-922-1987
Web site.....	xcelenergy.com

Telephone

CenturyLink.....	800-603-6000 centurylink.com
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Water

The Denver Water Department is the major supplier for the Denver metro area, although there are some exceptions depending upon where you live. For further information on billing and service in your area, contact the Denver Water Customer Service Department.

Customer Care.....	303-893-2444
After Hours Emergencies.....	303-628-6000

Sports In Denver

For season tickets or information on the following teams and sporting attractions call:

Bandimere Speedway.....	303-697-4870
Denver Broncos NFL Football.....	303-649-9000
Colorado Avalanche.....	303-405-1100
NHL Hockey	
Denver Nuggets.....	303-405-1100
NBA Basketball	
Colorado Rockies.....	303-292-0200
Major League Baseball	
The Colorado Rapids.....	303-825-4625
Major League Soccer	
Colorado Mammoth.....	303-405-1100
Major League Lacrosse	
Colorado Mountain Club.....	303-279-3080
Colorado Golf Association.....	303-366-4653
Colorado Ski Country USA.....	303-837-0793
Colorado Tennis Association.....	303-695-4116
University of Colorado Athletic Ticket Office.....	303-492-8337
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Golf in Colorado

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Parks & Recreation Information

For information on **Colorado State Parks**, please call 303-866-3437. There are 40 parks in the state park system—six in the Denver metro area. They offer fishing, hiking, boating, camping and more.

National Park Service 303-969-2000
U.S. Forest Service 303-275-5350
Rocky Mountain Region

Free Consumer Guide Smart Energy Living

Learn how to reduce energy consumption, save money and improve Colorado's environment with energy-efficient home improvements from The Colorado Energy Science Center (CESC). To reserve your free copy of Smart Energy Living, while supplies last, go to: energyscience.org

Pet Licenses

Dogs and cats living in most of the Denver metro area must be licensed annually and vaccinated against rabies. They must be vaccinated within 30 days, or have been vaccinated within the past 12 months. Most communities have strict leash laws. For more information, call the Animal Control offices in your county.

Adams County 303-288-3294
Arapahoe County 720-874-6750
Boulder County 303-441-3626
Broomfield County 303-438-6400
Denver County 303-698-0076
Douglas County 303-660-7529
Jefferson County 303-271-5070

Recycling Hotlines

Denver Recycles 720-865-6900
Governor's Office of Energy Management
and Conservation 303-866-2100
Colorado Department of Public Health
and Environment (CDPHE) 303-692-2000

Environmental Recycling Hotline: This national hotline provides information on where to recycle waste paper and boxes, glass, scrap metals, plastic, waste oil and tires. It has an electronic database of state recycling programs which lets callers enter their zip code to find recyclers in their area. Visit earth911.com or call 1-800-253-2687

Trash Removal

Garbage collection is included as a city service in the city of Denver. In all other metro areas, you can retain the services of one of the many private contractors available. In the City and County of Denver, call Solid Waste Department 720-865-6900

City of Denver 3-1-1 Call Center

Citizens in Denver can now call 3-1-1 as a free service to get answers regarding all city related business including reporting a pothole, purchasing a parking permit, starting a new business or getting a marriage license. Also visit www.denvergov.org.

Dial 2-1-1 For A Community Connection

Colorado 2-1-1 launched in metro Denver and surrounding communities in October 2003. It gives citizens one number to call when they need access to human services such as food bank locations, low cost healthcare for children as well as a direct link to non-emergency help for all kinds of community services. Also visit 211colorado.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Metro Volunteers 303-282-1234
metrovolunteers.org

Boulder County Volunteer
Connection 303-444-4013
volunteerconnection.net
CareConnect of Boulder County ... 303-443-1933
careconnectbc.org
Seniors Helping Seniors 720-242-5285
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Chambers of Commerce

For helpful information on schools, cable service, cultural events, community activities, libraries and parks, call your county's Chamber of Commerce.

Arvada.....303-424-0313 arvadachamber.org
Aurora.....303-344-1500 aurorachamber.org
Boulder.....303-442-1044 boulderchamber.com
Denver.....303-534-8500 denverchamber.org
Golden.....303-279-3113 goldencochamber.org
South Metro Denver (including ...303-795-0142
Englewood & Littleton)..... bestchamber.com
West Chamber...303-233-5555 westchamber.org
Metro North Chamber of Commerce
.....303-288-1000
metronorthchamber.com

Denver Metro Area Hospitals

Aurora - HealthONE - The Medical Center of Aurora303-695-2600 auroramed.com
Aurora - HealthONE - Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital ...303-367-1166 spaldingrehab.com
Boulder - Boulder Community Hospital..... 303-440-2273 bch.org
Brighton - Platte Valley Medical Center 303-659-5800 pvmc.org
Centennial - HealthONE - Centennial Medical Plaza303-600-3000 auroramed.com
Denver - Centura Health - Porter Adventist Hospital..... 303-778-1955 centura.org
Denver - Centura Health - St. Anthony Central Hospital..... 720-321-0000 centura.org
Denver - Children's Hospital 720-777-1234 thechildrenshospital.org
Denver - HealthONE - Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center 303-839-6000 pslmc.com
Denver - HealthONE - Rose Medical Center 303-320-2121 rosemed.com
Denver - Denver Health Medical Center 303-436-6000 denverhealth.org
Denver - National Jewish Center.. 303-388-4461 nationaljewish.org
Denver - St. Joseph Hospital303-837-7111 exempla.org
Denver - University of Colorado Hospital..... 720-848-0500 uch.edu
Denver - Veterans Affairs Medical Center303-399-8020 denver.va.gov
Englewood - HealthONE - Swedish Medical Center ..303-788-5000 swedishhospital.com
Lafayette - Good Samaritan Medical Center 303-689-4000 exempla.org
Littleton - Centura Health - Littleton Adventist Hospital 303-730-8900 mylittletonhospital.org
Lone Tree - HealthONE - Sky Ridge Medical Center 720-225-1000 skyridgemedcenter.com
Longmont - Longmont United Hospital..... 303-651-5111 luhcares.org
Louisville - Centura Health - Avista Adventist Hospital..... 303-673-1000 centura.org
Parker - Parker Adventist Hospital 303-269-4000 parkerhospital.org
Thornton - HealthONE - North Suburban Medical Center 303-451-7800 northsuburban.com
Westminster - Centura Health - St. Anthony North Hospital 303-426-2151 stanthonorth.org

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Wheatridge - Lutheran Medical
Center 303-425-4500 exempla.org

Senior Services

American Assn. of Retired Persons
Colorado State Office..... 888-687-2277
aarp.org/states/co
Association for Senior Citizens 303-455-9642
associationforseniorcitizens.com
DRCOG Area Agency on Aging 303-455-1000
drcog.org
CareConnect of Boulder County... 303-443-1933
careconnectbc.org
Seniors Helping Seniors..... 720-242-5285
seniorshelpingseniors.com
Seniors! Inc. 303-300-6906 seniorsinc.org

Tourism

To receive travel and tourism information for Colorado, call 1-800-COLORADO or visit colorado.com.

Colorado Ski Resorts

General Information, snow report, free guide
303-837-0793
www.coloradoski.com
m.coloradoski.com

Ski Carpool

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Shopping

Aspen Grove
Santa Fe & Mineral..... 303-794-0640
Town Center at Aurora Mall
14200 E. Alameda 303-344-4120
Belmar
7200 W. Alameda 303-742-1520
Cherry Creek Shopping Center -
1st & University 303-388-3900
Cherry Creek North - North of
Cherry Creek Mall 303-394-2903
Colorado Mills - Colfax & Indiana
(near I-70)..... 303-384-3000

Denver Pavilions - 16th Street Mall
between Tremont & Welton Sts. 303-260-6000
Flatiron Crossing - Boulder Turnpike & Storage
Tech/Interlocken Loop..... 720-887-9900
Heritage Square
18301 W. Colfax..... 303-277-0040
Larimer Square
1400 Block of Larimer 303-534-2367
Outlets at Castle Rock - South of
Denver on I-25 at Exit 184 303-688-4495
Outlets at Loveland - North of
Denver on I-25 at Exit 257B.... 970-663-1916
Outlets at Silverthorne - West of
Denver on I-70 at Exit 205 970-468-9440
Park Meadows Shopping Mall
C470 & I-25..... 303-792-2533
Southwest Plaza
Bowles & Wadsworth 303-973-5300
Tabor Center/16th Street Mall
16th Mall & Lawrence..... 303-534-6161
Tamarac Square
7777 E. Hampden Ave..... 303-755-5927
The Shops at Northfield Stapleton
8340 Northfield Blvd..... 303-375-5464

Attractions & Entertainment

Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum &
Grave 303-526-0744 buffalobill.org
Butterfly Pavilion and Insect Center
303-469-5441 butterflies.org
Children's Museum of Denver..... 303-433-7444
mychildsmuseum.org
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Coors Brewing Company Tours..... 303-277-2337
coors.com
Denver Art Museum 720-865-5000
denverartmuseum.org
Denver Botanic Gardens 720-865-3500
botanicgardens.org
Denver Coliseum Box Office..... 720-865-2475
denvercoliseum.com
Denver Firefighters Museum 303-892-1436
denverfirefightersmuseum.org
Denver Museum of Nature &
Science 303-322-7009 dmns.org
Denver Zoo 303-376-4800 denverzoo.org
Downtown Aquarium..... 303-561-4450
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Four Mile Historic Park..... 720-865-0800
fourmilepark.org
Gates Planetarium 303-322-7009 dmns.org
Heritage Square 303-285-2990
heritagesquare.info
IMAX Theatre..... 303-322-7009 dmns.org
Lakeside Amusement Park..... 303-477-1621
lakesideamusementpark.com
Littleton Historical Museum 303-795-3950
littletongov.org/museum
Molly Brown Museum 303-832-4092
mollybrown.org
National Western Stock Show..... 303-297-1166
nationalwestern.com
Red Rocks Amphitheater 720-865-4220
redrocksonline.com
Six Flags Elitch Gardens 303-595-4386
elitchgardens.com

Tiny Town Railroad 303-697-6829
tinytownrailroad.com
U.S. Mint..... 303-572-9500 usmint.go
WaterWorld..... 303-427-7873
waterworldcolorado.com

Hunting & Fishing Licenses

For information on residency requirements and license fees call the Colorado Division of Wildlife at 303-297-1192 or visit wildlife.state.co.us. Licenses can be purchased at the Wildlife Division Central Regional Office at 6060 Broadway, or at most sporting goods stores.
Hunting Info Hotline (24 hours) .. 303-291-7529
Fishing Info Hotline (24 hours)..... 303-291-7533

Arts

Arvada Center for the Arts & Humanities
720-898-7200 arvadacenter.org
Colorado Ballet 303-837-8888 coloradoballet.org
Colorado Creative Industries..... 303-892-3802
coloarts.state.co.us
Colorado Symphony Orchestra 303-623-7876
coloradosymphony.org
Denver Performing Arts Complex. 303-893-4100
denvercenter.org
Museum of Contemporary Art..... 303-298-7554
mcad Denver.org
Opera Colorado 303-778-1500 operacolorado.org

Child Care Referrals

To get a referral for licensed in-home child care providers and child care centers in your area, call one of the following agencies:

Metro Denver Child Care
Resource and Referral 303-969-9666
frcce.org

City of Boulder Children's Youth
& Family Services (Boulder)..... 303-441-3544
bouldercolorado.gov
Jefferson County Child Care Assn. 303-969-8772
jeffcochildcare.org

Schools

There are 18 school districts in the seven-county Denver metropolitan area. Information on these educational systems may be obtained by contacting:

Colorado Department of Education
201 East Colfax Ave..... 303-866-6600
Denver, CO 80203 www.cde.state.co.us

Online Schools

No matter where you live in Colorado, you can enroll your child in an online school of your choice at no cost because it is a public school. For a complete listing of online schools in Colorado, visit www.cde.state.co.us/onlinelearning/schools.htm.



Call Before You Dig

Three working days before you begin any activity that requires digging or excavation, call Colorado 811 for location of underground utilities. This is a free service to you. Statewide 8-1-1
www.co811.org

Landscaping Help

For help in finding a landscape contractor, visit the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado at alcc.com or call 303-757-5611. An ALCC landscape contractor can help improve your yard with design, planting, repairs, maintenance, water features, xeriscape, decks and patios, fencing, walls and sprinkler systems.

Daily Newspapers

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The Denver Post..... 303-832-3232
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