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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 or credit union 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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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. According to Mary Lawlor, the color-marketing manager for Kelly-Moore Paints, “What we expect to see in 2014 is a refreshed lighter palette of colors.” She speculates that the trend towards fresh, light colors is a response to previous years’ tendency towards darker colors.

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.

Benefits of a Home Warranty

Congratulations on your recent move! The stress should be behind you. You have successfully moved all your belongings into your new home and now you're dreaming of worry-free home ownership. Moving was expensive, and you are hoping there will be no unexpected costs or surprises. If you want peace of mind from unexpected home repairs or appliance replacements, you should consider purchasing a home warranty sooner rather than later.

What Is a Home Warranty?

A home warranty is not the same thing as homeowners insurance. It also is not a replacement for homeowners insurance. A home warranty is a contract between a homeowner and a home warranty company that provides for discounted repair and replacement service on a home's major components, such as the furnace, air conditioning, plumbing and electrical system. A home warranty may also cover major appliances such as washers and dryers, refrigerators and swimming pools.

Benefits of a Home Warranty

A home warranty protects against expensive, unforeseen repair bills and provides peace of mind. For a homeowner who doesn't have an emergency fund or who wants to protect their emergency fund, a home warranty can act as a buffer. Home warranties also make sense for people who aren't handy or who don't want to worry about tracking down a contractor when they have a problem. In short, home warranties:

- Add peace of mind about the condition of your new home
- Give budget protection from the high cost of home repairs
- Provide the homeowner with the convenience of service 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

How Does It Work?

When something breaks down, you as the homeowner will call the home warranty company, and the home warranty company will send one of its pre-approved service providers to examine the problem. If the needed repair or replacement is covered by the warranty, the work is completed. The homeowner only pays a small service call fee, usually around \$55.00

What Does It Cost?

A home warranty cost a few hundred dollars a year, paid up front. The cost usually does not vary with the property's age. The home's square footage also does not affect the price in most cases, unless the property is more than 5,000 square feet. The best way to get your questions answered is to call and get a quote. And before you sign anything, be sure to read the entire agreement and understand

what is covered and what is not, before purchasing.

Choose Wisely

Not all home warranty companies are created equal! Do your homework and check out their reputation on consumer websites and with the Better Business Bureau. Choose one that's been in business over 5 years and consider the advantages of working with a local company here in Denver.

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Shopping for Appliances

It Pays to Buy New

When a major household appliance needs replacing or upgrading, you might be tempted to save some money by purchasing a used or refurbished one. However, what you save at the check out counter often could end up costing you in higher utility bills, not to mention potential repair bills.

Today's Appliances Are More Efficient

Major appliances produced today are more efficient than ever because manufacturers continually redesign appliances so that they consume less electricity and water. Appliances carrying the ENERGY STAR label have been certified as more energy efficient than those models without the label. To show you how far appliances have come in terms of energy

and water efficiency, consider this: A 20-cubic foot refrigerator manufactured in 1991 consumes, on average, more than 857 kWh a year while a 22-cubic foot refrigerator manufactured in 2012 consumes only 452 kWh a year – that's costing you more than half again on your electricity bill and a substantial gain in capacity! That amounts to over \$50 savings per year for the typical American household. Also, an average dishwasher manufactured in 1991 consumes 2.67 kWh per cycle compared with one made in 2013 that consumes only 1.30 kWh. That saves the average household \$53 each year on their electricity bill. Some states and utility companies will also offer sizable rebates when you purchase new energy efficient appliances and even when you properly dispose of your odd appliances.

Safety is Important

Efficiency isn't the only reason to choose a new appliance. Safety should be taken into consideration. When you buy a secondhand appliance, you may not know if the previous owner has properly maintained the appliance, which contributes to the life expectancy of an appliance.

Consider Recycling

Appliances are also recyclable. According to the Steel Recycling Institute, 90 percent of major home appliances are recycled so you can rest assured knowing that the old refrigerator isn't going to rust away in a landfill – it may have a new life as a car or even a clothes dryer. On the whole, a new product, when designed with sustainability and recyclability in mind, from a life cycle approach, may be a far better deal than a used one.

Major appliances offer long useful lives too! According to a survey of consumers conducted by AHAM which asked appliance longevity, it showed that average life of a chest freezer is 215 years and an electric range is 16 years.

Don't think twice about buying a new appliance. It makes sense – saving you money, energy, and peace of mind, all while gaining new features!

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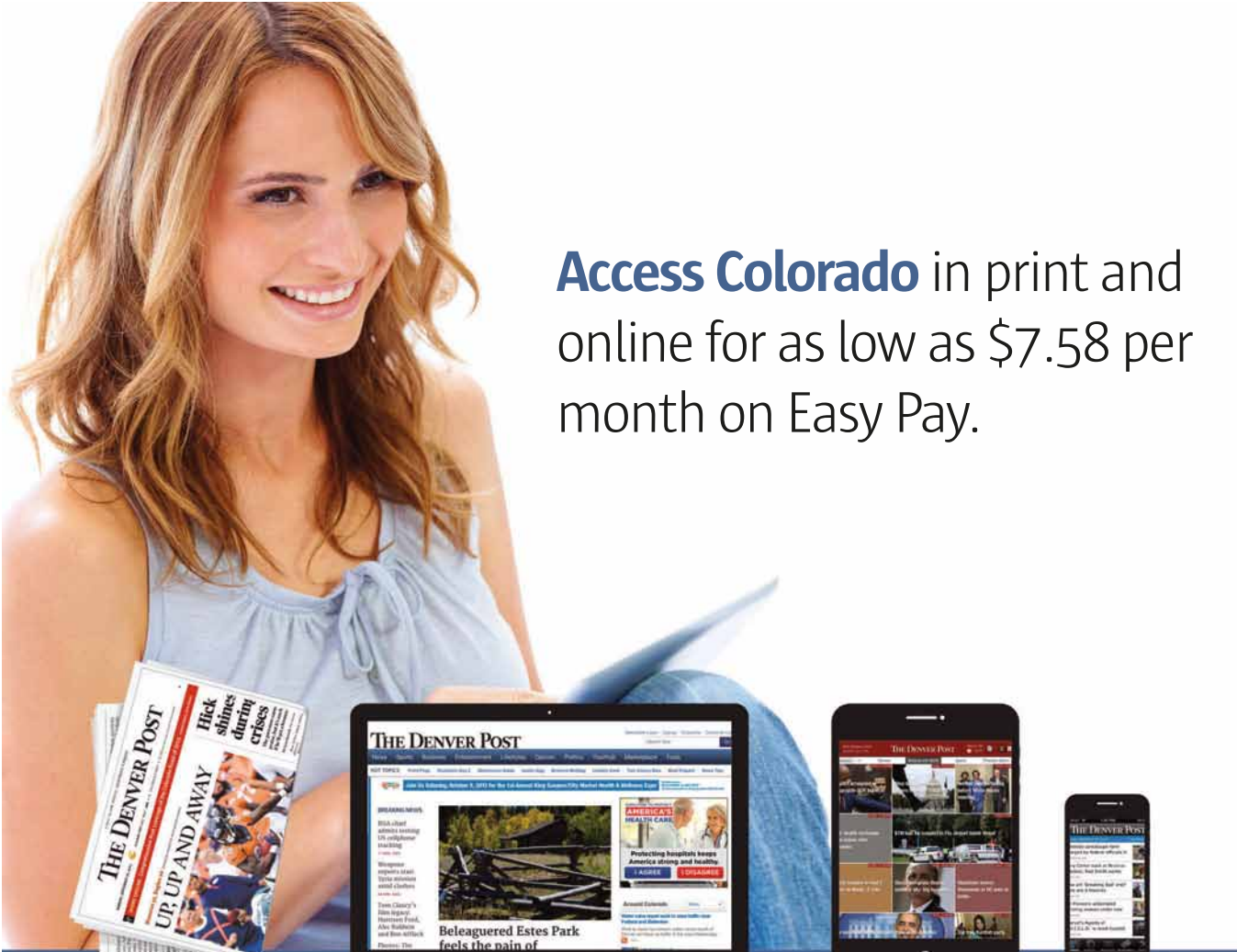
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Hospital vs. Freestanding ERs

Hospital emergency rooms are the standard for emergency care, located inside local hospitals. These facilities provide full-service, 24-hour care for varying levels of health emergencies. HealthONE offers seven emergency rooms located within hospitals all across the Denver Metro area including at The Medical Center of Aurora, North Suburban Medical Center, Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center, Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children, Rose Medical Center, Sky Ridge Medical Center, and Swedish Medical Center.

Freestanding emergency rooms offer the high-quality care you need in an ER, but are located in stand-alone facilities convenient to communities. HealthONE's five freestanding ERs are staffed 24/7 by Board Certified emergency physicians and specially trained nurses who have access to many of the same resources you would find in a major hospital ER such as x-rays, CT scans, laboratories and more.

Your family should research and identify the closest ERs to your house,

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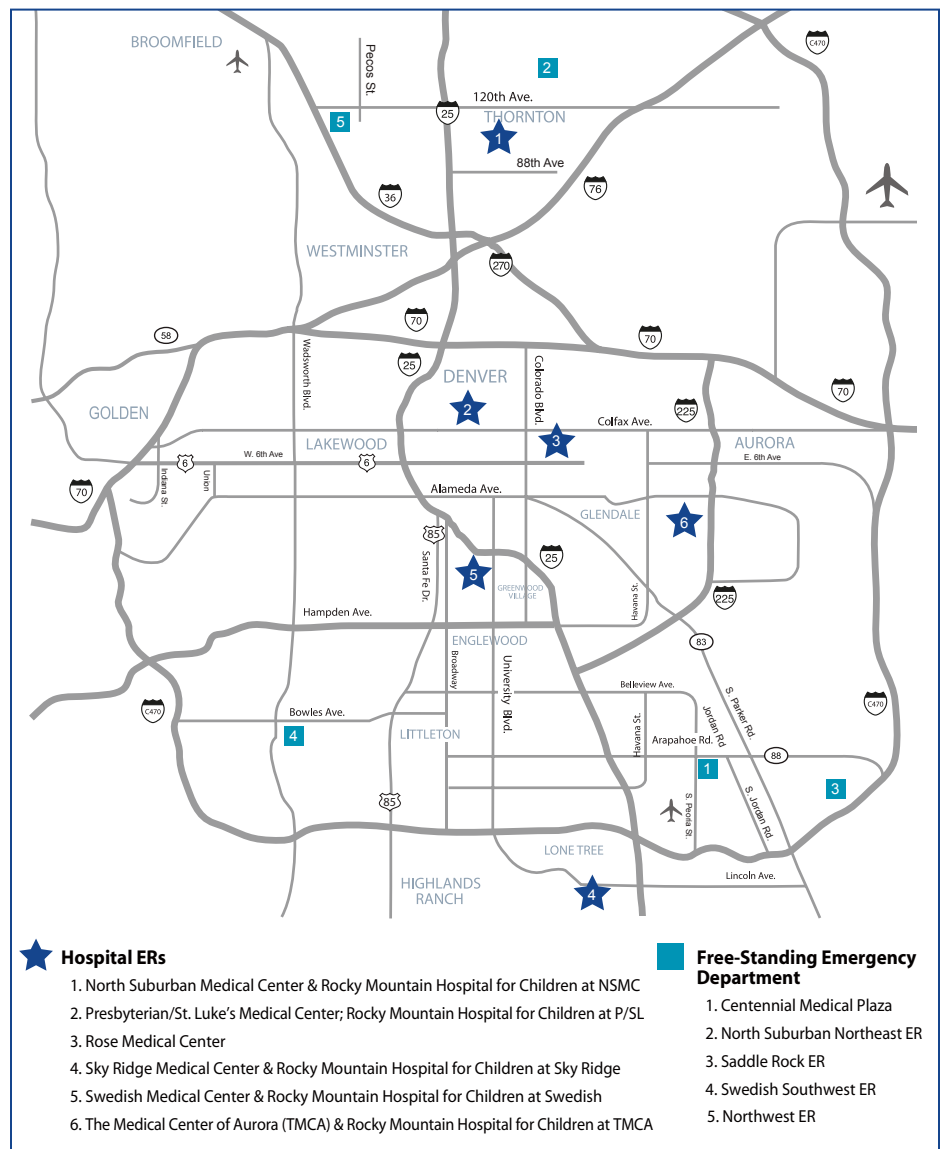
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Choosing a Gas Log Fireplace

As you sit back and start to think about your new property and what kind of extras might be a good investment as well as adding comfort for your family, you may want to take a look at your fireplace.

If your new house has a fireplace, you need to make sure it is in good working order. You may also want to consider adding gas logs or a decorative gas stove to your home if it currently does not have a fireplace. These are popular and will certainly raise the property value by more than the amount it would take to add the feature. Both types of units are available as vented and vent-free appliances.

When shopping for gas logs, you will need to know whether you want vented or vent-free logs. Your decision will come down to several factors including looks vs. efficiency, local building codes and placement of the fireplace.

Vented gas logs will burn and have a realistic-looking yellow flame. For this, you will need a chimney that is in good working order so that the carbon monoxide gas is vented to the outside. These logs will simulate a wood-burning fire and are more decorative than the vent-free version, while still generating some heat for your comfort. Some even come with heat circulating thermostatically controlled blowers and are approved for bathroom, bedrooms and bed sitting rooms.

Vent-free logs, which operate with the chimney flue closed, will not give you that roaring fire effect and the flame will not be as realistic or as high as you would have with the vented logs. This type of gas log burns with a hot blue flame that is designed to eliminate carbon monoxide gas. Be sure to only let these burn for short period of time and you should closely monitor it for safety. Consider installing carbon monoxide detectors if the house has any type of fireplace, especially if you ever plan to make your property a rental. If you are only looking for an efficient heat source and a realistic looking flame is not that important, you may consider vent-free logs. Vent-free logs add moisture to the air, so it will be important to install them in a

room with proper ventilation to avoid mildew forming. Vent-free logs are also not permitted in bedrooms and bathrooms, near curtains, furniture, clothing or other flammable objects near the perimeter of the heater. They are also not recommended in high traffic, windy or drafty areas.

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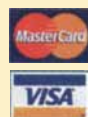
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Custom Closets – What to Look for, and Where

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.

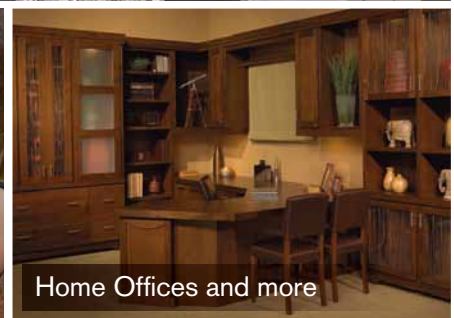
4. What about installation? It is important to distinguish if the installers are employees or independent contractors. There can be a tremendous difference in the final result if a trained employee installs your custom closet versus an untrained independent.

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.

Ask to see a customer list. Call some people on this list. If a company doesn't do good work, people will not likely recommend them. Enjoy your new home and your closets!

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Hopefully you're feeling relaxed and satisfied with your decision to buy a new home. You did everything right: you found the perfect home in a top-rated neighborhood, you researched the realtor and secured a great deal on your mortgage. No regrets because you made informed decisions. The moving stress is behind you and you're finally sleeping well and waking up refreshed, right?

Still not sleeping well?

Unfortunately if you had sleep problems before the move and haven't changed mattresses, there's a good chance that you're still having trouble sleeping. Now is the perfect time to put a good night's rest at the top of your agenda!

There is good news and expert advice waiting for you at any of the Denver area Urban Mattress stores. Local owners Steve Van Diest and Ethan Rietema, two former campus ministers turned Christian entrepreneurs along with Boulder area store owners Rich and Philip, a father-son team are bringing rest and integrity back to the mattress business.

They begin each day with the goal of providing transparency and honesty to every potential customer who walks through the door. Their friendly sales staff will listen to your concerns and priorities, and educate you about your options.

Many of us attach too little importance to the one third of our lives asleep, but there is increasing scientific evidence that truly restorative sleep does more than help us to feel fresh and alert each morning. It has profound health benefits increasing our wellbeing now, and in the future. Given the 8 hours you spend asleep each night, don't you deserve to learn the difference a great mattress can make?

"The number one reason you walk into a mattress store is because you've experienced a major life event. Perhaps it's a divorce or separation," Ethan shared. "Or, you're getting married, having a kid, sending a kid to college, or moving. I've been shocked at how often I have incredibly rich conversations with our customers and am given the privilege to enter their lives."



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"I had an awesome experience when I found Urban Mattress. The Yelp reviews say it all. Hands down, the best experience you will ever have buying a mattress! They should not even be called "salesmen" because never did I feel like I was being pushed into buying anything from them."

— Nave M.

"I cannot stress how amazing Urban Mattress is. I don't

generally write Yelp reviews about non-food establishments but I had such an awesome experience — I wanted to share it with the world! We went into Urban Mattress and Steve helped us. His partner Ethan also showed up and helped out — the two of them are great salesmen. Friendly, funny, and easy to talk to... we left as happy campers."

— Kate S.

You can check out these reviews and many more at www.urbanmattress.com

*"At Urban Mattress,
we listen carefully and
work with our customers
to solve their sleep issues...
catered to their individual
problems."*

You're not alone if you feel apprehensive at the thought of shopping for a new bed. Most of us at one time or another have found ourselves on the receiving end of a pushy salesman badgering us into buying an expensive mattress as quickly as possible with little regard to what we want or need.

Van Diest explains "At Urban Mattress, we listen carefully and work with our customers to solve their sleep issues. They tell us what kind of problems they are having, and we offer expert advice, catered to their individual problems. They leave here feeling confident and happy they have made a good choice and often turn to social media to describe their experiences."

Urban Mattress carries a wide variety of mattresses at competitive prices and offer free delivery. They will also educate you whether you buy from them or not. Many articles by Sleep Expert Dr. Neil Stanley can be found on their website and all of their employees have been expertly trained.



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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!

Explore your creative side...ask a creative friend to join you...or take advantage of the experienced, professional sales associates at

American Furniture Warehouse to partner with you to pull it all together. They provide the lowest prices on all furniture and accessories, and can help you develop a look you want within *any* budget. Even if your look demands a lot of items, with a good plan, you can buy as you have the money available and be assured it will all come together when complete.

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Making One Room into Two – With a Murphy Bed

Whether downsizing or moving into a new home with a growing family, you may find yourself wishing to magically change that guest room into an office or craft room as well. A Murphy Bed is a great solution to this dilemma: by disappearing into the wall when guests aren't there, it's giving you the office and storage that you need while still keeping your guests happy with a real bed.

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The original Murphy Bed was invented by William Murphy in the early 1900's to solve the need to hide his bed while entertaining in his tiny one room apartment in San Francisco. The Murphy, or Wall bed, as it also called, has come a long way since then, with the range of materials and accompanying furniture limited only by your space itself.

What Does a Murphy Bed Look Like?

"Although the web is a good place to start, a Murphy Bed is such a visual product that it needs to be seen to understand all the options that are available. That's why we built our two story showroom which contains over 23 displays," says Steve Beckmann, the owner of Smart Spaces. Now in its eleventh year, Smart Spaces is unique in that its main focus is the Murphy Bed with its accompanying furniture such as offices, closets and entertainment centers. Steve estimates that they have designed and built over 3300 beds, ranging from the simple side bed for a basement to cabinetry containing everything from Hindu shrines to coffee makers.

"It generally takes people two or three visits to truly decide what will best work for their space. Our designers have excellent software that help the customer envision how their room can be used. Everything is custom built, and designs can often

take weeks to complete with the designers coming out to measure and offer suggestions to modify the plans."

How Big Does My Small Room Have to Be?

The size of the bed depends on the height of the wall where the Murphy Bed would go. Generally 90" is needed for a queen and king size bed, while full and twin sizes require 85" in height. If the ceilings are lower, then a side Murphy Bed works equally well and is often used in basements and in narrow rooms where the width is an issue.

Once color, material, mattress and handles are decided, the order goes into production which takes place onsite at the store. (Ask the owners for a peek downstairs to see the furniture being made!). The production and install teams are true craftsmen who have been with the company an average of six years.

After your bed has been installed, you will wonder why you haven't had one before. In today's world a Murphy Bed goes a long way in making the most of your space.

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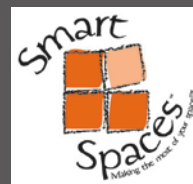
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Will Your Remodeling Project PAY OFF?

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	96.6%
Deck Addition – Wood	87.4%
Garage Door Replacement	83.7%
Minor Kitchen Remodel	82.7%
Window Replacement – Wood	79.3%
Window Replacement – Vinyl	78.7%
Siding Replacement – Vinyl	78.2%
Basement Remodel	77.6%
Deck Addition – Composite	74.3%
Major Kitchen Remodel	74.2%
Bathroom Remodel	72.5%
Two Story Addition	71.8%
Entry Door Replacement – Fiberglass	70.8%
Garage Addition	69.3%
Family Room Addition	68.8%
Roofing Replacement	67.6%
Master Suite Addition	67.5%
Back-up Power Generator	67.5%
Bathroom Addition	60.1%
Sunroom Addition	51.7%
Home Office Remodel	48.9%



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Stop your money from going down the drain

Many homeowners don't equate the sound of a running toilet with a drain on their pocketbook, but a running toilet usually indicates a leak. A leak of just 10 drops per minute will waste almost 300 gallons in a year. Moving into a new home is the perfect time to find and fix indoor leaks and avoid costly bills for unused water.

Toilets are one of the most common indoor culprits for leaks and high water bills. Check for leaks by placing a few drops of food coloring in the tank and waiting 15 minutes. If the color appears in the bowl, you have a leak.

Dripping faucets and showerheads can waste hundreds or even thousands of gallons of water each year, so be sure to fix them. Also, check the water supply lines under your sink for bulges in the hose or damp spots which may indicate a leak.

Rebates are available for qualifying purchases.

Homeowners can earn money back while saving water. Denver Water offers indoor rebates for residential customers on WaterSense-labeled toilets, including up

to \$150 on ultra high-efficiency toilets (1 gallon per flush or less.)

Before you shop, call Denver Water at 303-893-2444 to see if your home is eligible for a toilet rebate. For more information on finding and fixing common household leaks, or to learn more about other rebates, visit www.denverwater.org and click on Conservation.

Wasting Water Is Easy: Drops Add Up

To measure a leak, count drops for 30 seconds, then check the table below to see how much water your result adds up to in a day, a billing cycle of about 30 days, or a year.

If a leak has a continuous flow of:	It wastes the following number of gallons in:			
	Drops/minute	1 Day	1 Bill Period*	1 Year
10 drops in 30 seconds	20 dpm	1.9	58	694
20 drops in 30 seconds	40 dpm	3.8	116	1,389
30 drops in 30 seconds	60 dpm	5.7	174	2,083
40 drops in 30 seconds	80 dpm	7.6	231	2,777
50 drops in 30 seconds	100 dpm	9.5	289	3,472
60 drops in 30 seconds	120 dpm	11.4	347	4,166

* Based on 30 days average per billing period; 365 days/year.
Source: U.S. Geological Survey Water Science School



Not sure which products to buy? WaterSense, a program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, makes it easy for you to save water. Look for the WaterSense label to choose quality, water-efficient toilets and fixtures.

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Yes, You Can Join a Credit Union!

It used to be that a person could only open an account at a credit union because they or a family member was employed by a certain company, or they worked for the government. That has changed because now just about anyone will

find they are eligible to join a credit union.

Here are the top reasons to join a credit union.

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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.

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.

Most credit unions can give you the same services as a bank—like checking, savings, investment funds, mortgage loans, car loans and even school loans—and credit unions will offer online financial services and bilingual capabilities as well.

3. Convenient.

Credit unions are financial cooperatives, and that means they cooperate—with their members and with other credit unions. Through that cooperation, credit unions have one of the largest ATM networks in the U.S. Credit union members have convenient access to 25,000 surcharge-free ATMs in the U.S., 800,000 ATMs worldwide and more than 2,300 lobby locations in the U.S. and even some foreign countries.

4. Member-owned.

Credit unions are owned by their members and they operate to make profits for each individual, no matter how big or small their account balance.

5. Expertise.

Credit unions know what they're doing. They have the expertise and will give you the personal attention you need to help you make important financial decisions that will benefit your bottom line, not theirs. Credit unions treat you like the boss, because at a credit union you're not just a customer you're an owner.

Check out the credit unions in your community and discover why they rank high in customer satisfaction surveys. Also, check out Westerra Credit Union, page 5 and Bellco Credit Union, page 21.

Taxes: Can you write off your recent move?

It's expensive to move. Once the excitement of your new home wears off, you may find yourself dealing with bills for movers, boxes, storage and utility hookups. The stress of a move might be reduced by the fact that the IRS may help offset some of those costs. If your recent move satisfies **three** criteria, some expenses are deductible.

Moving for a job

If you need to relocate for employment, your move may be deductible. There are no restrictions on this provision. It doesn't matter if it's your first job, your 10th position, your current role if your office has moved, or if you have been recently unemployed. As long as you or a jointly filing spouse need to move for work, this requirement is fulfilled.

The 50-mile rule

The distance between your new career opportunity and your former home must be at least 50 miles greater than your previous commute. For example, if your commute used to be five miles, your new job must be at least 55 miles from your previous residence. This applies to either spouse.

Full-time employment

You or your spouse must be employed full-time for a minimum of 39 weeks during the year following the move. You do not have to remain with the same employer, however. The move qualifies as long as your employment is in the area of your new residence.

If you are self-employed, you must work full-time at least 78 weeks

in the two years following the move.

If your move satisfies all the criteria, congratulations. It is tax deductible!

What moving expenses can you write off?

- **Packing and shipping expenses**

This includes the cost of boxes, packing materials, moving companies, and insurance. Storage of 30 days or less is also included. And, don't forget Fido! Expenses related to transporting household pets are deductible.

- **Travel costs**

Costs incurred while traveling to your new residence (once) are eligible. This includes charges for lodging (not food) and either the actual cost of your oil and gas OR 24 cents per mile.

- **Utilities**

Any charges (penalties or hookup fees) for disconnecting utilities at your previous residence and obtaining utility service at the new place are tax deductible.

What next?

- **Receipts**

The IRS loves documentation, so save all receipts related to the move.

- **IRS Form 3903**

By IRS standards, this 'Moving Expenses' form is clear and easy to understand. Once it's filled out, the write-off amount will show up on page 1 of your 1040.

For more information:

<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Form-3903,-Moving-Expenses>

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There are 82 stations located throughout downtown Denver, Cherry Creek, Highlands, Capitol Hill, and the Baker neighborhoods. Denver B-cycle also has stations at all of the major cultural facilities & attractions like the Denver Zoo, Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Elitch Gardens and Cherry Creek Mall.

Boulder B-cycle has 22 stations, soon to be 39, located in downtown Boulder, east Boulder, north Boulder, along the

Boulder Creek Path and adjacent to the University of Colorado Boulder Campus.

As a B-cycle member, you just swipe your membership card, select your bike, and go. Denver & Boulder B-cycle are open year round, giving you a transportation option that you can use all four seasons! And if you are a Denver B-cycle member and commute to Boulder, your card works in Boulder and vice versa.

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Traffic congestion, travel delays and air pollution all point to a problem the Denver metro area and its commuters face daily. My Way to Go, an innovative web-based trip planning tool recently launched mywaytogo.org, offering area residents a convenient central resource to explore multiple commute options. The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Way to Go program debuts the one-stop shop that allows commuters to easily and comprehensively compare their trip options and make informed choices. Best of all, it's free!



Users can simply enter their trip information to quickly see their commute options and compare travel time, distance, cost and health benefits, including calories burned and such environmental impacts as CO2 generated. The tool incorporates transit (including bus and light rail), biking, walking, carpooling and vanpooling, comparing each option to driving alone. "This tool is really the first of its kind in the country, comparing different aspects of commute information on multiple modes in just a few quick and easy

steps," said DRCOG Executive Director Jennifer Schaufele. "It offers Denver region commuters the best available multimodal trip planning experience."

DRCOG pioneered ridematching services in the region in the 1970s as a response to the energy crisis using a time-intensive manual tracking system to form carpools. And while the underlying technologies have changed over the years to computer-based systems, the offerings still fell short of the experience the Way to Go team envisioned.

"Market research indicates that one of the key barriers for people even considering other options is the difficulty in finding good information. Visiting multiple websites to explore options, calculate costs and incorporate other variables makes it more work than people think it's worth," said Schaufele. "We're removing that barrier."

The interactive website is easy to use and offers mobile interface on smartphones and tablets without requiring an app.

Commuters can start exploring their options at www.mywaytogo.org; businesses can ask for a demonstration from a Way to Go specialist (303-458-7665) to see how they can help their employees use the new tool.



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Welcome to your new home in the Denver metropolitan area. The following information should be helpful whether you are a new-comer or simply moving within the area. Keep this reference guide in a handy place so you can refer to it often.

The advertisers in this magazine all supply products and services that you may need soon after moving. Many even provide coupons and special offers. If you'd like to request more information from any of our advertisers, please refer to the Free Information Card that is located on page 25 of the magazine.

Colorado.gov

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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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NEWCOMER AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Motor Vehicle Laws

Colorado license plates must be obtained within 30 days after residency has been established. For motor vehicle registration and driver's license purposes, you are considered a resident if you are employed in Colorado, own or operate a business in Colorado, or have rented or purchased an apartment or home.

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 26.)

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.

Adams County	720-523-6010
Arapahoe County	303-795-4500
Boulder County	303-413-7710
Broomfield County	303-464-5888
Denver County	303-376-2200
Douglas County	303-660-7440
Jefferson County	303-271-8100

Driver's License

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

- 1) Pass all required exams, which may include written, vision and road skills.
- 2) Submit previous license, permit, birth certificate or other document that shows proof of identity and current age.
- 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
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 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 RMIIL 1-800-355-9524

Auto Clubs

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



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If It's Lit, Don't Ignore It!



That pesky “check engine” light keeps hounding you. You thought it might go off, but it hasn't. Or if it does, it only stays invisible for a short time before it is pestering you every time you turn the key. What to do?

You could cover it with electrical tape and keep on driving, but this will not solve your problem. Even if you can't see it, the state required emissions inspection can. When it comes time for your vehicle to be inspected, the test will detect the problem and your vehicle will fail or require additional testing.

In Colorado, a check of the On

Board Diagnostics (OBD II) system, by way of the “check engine” light, has been a part of the emissions testing process for a long time. However, over the past decade or so, if the light was illuminated, the vehicle didn't fail the test but instead the vehicle owner was “advised” that it was on and that it should be checked.

Beginning in 2015, however, all of that changes. Vehicles 8 to 11 years old will fail the emissions inspection if the “check engine” light is lit or missing, and older vehicles will require an additional more stringent inspection. All of this is for good reasons; if the “check engine” light is on, there is a good chance that the vehicle is polluting more than it should, and the vehicle is likely using more gasoline than necessary, costing you money at the gas pump.

So, what should you do?

Tightening or replacing your gas cap may take care of the problem and the light will go off shortly. A loose or missing cap sends a message to the OBD II system reporting a leak in the

vapor recovery system causing the “check engine” light to illuminate. If the light does not go off, it's time to seek professional help. If the light is blinking, do it NOW, as this is an indication of a serious problem.

You can find professional help at www.AirCareColorado.com/fail-and-repair-information. Here you will find a list of qualified repair shops and technicians, by city. For approximately \$100, a good technician can perform a diagnostic check of the OBD II system to find the problem and recommend repairs before the problem leads to larger, more costly repairs later on.

As for the cost of OBD/“check engine” light-triggered repairs, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reported no increase over repairs triggered by traditional tailpipe or dynamometer inspections.

OBD systems make it possible to detect malfunctions before they lead to high emissions, increased fuel costs and more expensive repairs. So, if it's lit, don't ignore it!

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★ Aurora	12042 E. 30th Avenue	★ Golden	15335 W. 44th Avenue
★ 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON STATION LOCATIONS, DIRECTIONS, WAIT TIMES AND RAPIDSCREEN ROADSIDE EMISSIONS TESTING, CALL THE



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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

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) administers a variety of state and federal programs to complete projects that enhance our comprehensive transportation network. For a complete list and description of programs now in full force, visit www.coloradodot.info/programs.

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
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Bus Service:

The bus service is provided by Regional Transport 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), BroncosRide and RockiesRide.

Commuting Options:

A program of The Denver Regional Council of Governments, My Way to Go offers reliable, easy, environmentally-friendly, no-nonsense commuting options to Denver area commuters. They can help you find a carpool, vanpool, transit route, or best paths for biking or walking. Visit their website at www.mywaytogo.org. For more information and free personal assistance, call 303-458-7665 or send an e-mail to: waytogo@drcog.org.

Bicycles:

Denver B-cycle and Boulder B-cycle offer over 100 bike stations for you to simply hop on a bike and go!

- **Denver residents:** Denver B-cycle membership costs \$65, unlimited rides, 365 days a year. Call for more information at 303-825-3325 or go to DenverBicycle.com. Click on the Join Now button and enter the Promo Code Welcome14.
- **Boulder residents:** Boulder B-cycle membership costs \$65, unlimited rides, 365 days a year. Call for more information at 303-532-4412 or go to BoulderBicycle.com. Click on the Join Now button and enter the Promo Code Welcome14.

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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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.
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| 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 |



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

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

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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

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

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

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

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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

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.

Denver/Boulder Better Business Bureau

The BBB is a membership-based nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and fostering the highest ethical relationship between businesses and the public through voluntary self-regulation, consumer and business education and service excellence. The BBB offers free information to the community regarding local businesses and charities. Visit denver.bbb.org or telephone 303-758-2100

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 Englewood & Littleton) 303-795-0142
 West Chamber 303-233-5555 westchamber.org
 Metro North Chamber of Commerce 303-288-1000
metronorthchamber.com

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
seniorshelpingseniors.com

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

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.

Denver Metro Area Hospitals

Aurora - HealthONE - The Medical Center of Aurora 303-695-2600 auroramed.com
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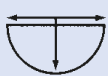
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Boulder - Boulder Community Hospital..... 303-440-2273 bch.org

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 Center303-436-6000 denverhealth.org

Denver - National Jewish Center.. 303-388-4461 nationaljewish.org

Denver - St. Joseph Hospital..... 303-837-7111 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 stanthonynorth.org

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

Daily Newspapers

There are two daily newspapers in the Denver/Boulder metro area. To order a home subscription call:
 The Denver Post..... 303-832-3232
 The Daily Camera..... 303-442-1202

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

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.

Golf in Colorado

For a comprehensive online golf course directory go to:golfviews.com

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
 University of Denver Athletic Ticket Office 303-871-2336

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
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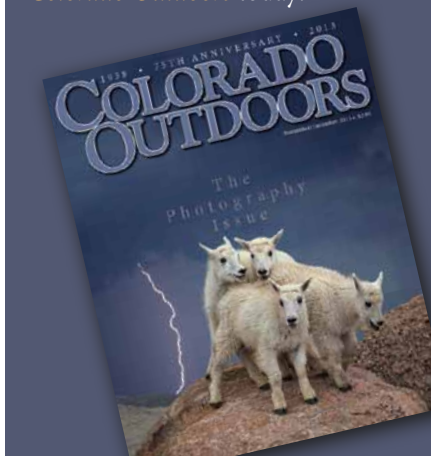
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Heritage Square 18301 W. Colfax.....	303-277-0040
Larimer Square 1400 Block of Larimer	303-534-2367
Outlets at Castle Rock - South of Denver on I-25 at Exit 184	303-688-4495
Outlets at Loveland - North of Denver on I-25 at Exit 257B.....	970-663-1916
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
The Streets at SouthGlenn University & Arapahoe.....	303-539-7141

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 colorarts.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 mcdenver.org

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Tourism

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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
Comfort Dental Amphitheatre	303-220-7000
Colorado History Museum	303-866-3682 colorado.com
Colorado Sports Hall of Fame.....	720-258-3888 coloradosports.org
Colorado State Capitol	303-866-2604 leg.state.co.us
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 aquariumrestaurants.com
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
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National Western Stock Show.....	303-297-1166 nationalwestern.com
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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

Colorado Breweries

www.colorado.com/Breweries.aspx

Parks & Recreation Information

For information on **Colorado Parks and Wildlife**, please visit cpw.state.co.us. There are 42 parks in the state park system—six in the Denver metro area. They offer fishing, hiking, boating, camping and a subscription offer to *Colorado Outdoors Magazine*.

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

Hunting & Fishing Licenses

For information on residency requirements and license fees call the Colorado Division of Wildlife at 303-297-1192 or visit cpw.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



Colorado Ski Resorts

Arapahoe Basin.....	888-272-7246
Aspen Highlands	800-308-6935
Aspen Mountain	800-308-6935
Buttermilk	800-525-6200
Copper Mountain	800-458-8386
Crested Butte.....	800-544-8448
Eldora	800-440-8700
Howelsen	970-879-8499
Loveland	303-571-5580
Monarch.....	888-996-7669
Powderhorn	970-268-5700
Purgatory	970-247-9000
Silverton.....	970-387-5706
Ski Cooper	800-707-6114
Ski Granby Ranch.....	888-850-4615
Snowmass	800-525-6200
Steamboat	970-879-6111
Sunlight.....	800-445-7931
Telluride.....	970-728-6900
Winter Park.....	970-726-5514
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Eight Great Trips to Enjoy Fall Colors

Whether it's a spectacular walk under an umbrella of aspen trees along the Colorado River, or viewing brilliant shrubs and scrub oak at Roxborough, Colorado's state parks offer you the best way to experience fall in Colorado. Check the Park Finder at cpw.state.co.us for current conditions. Many state parks are located along some of the most scenic drives in Colorado, providing the perfect landscape for a weekend getaway to enjoy Colorado's fall splendor.

1. Autumn in the Canyons

Located near the Denver metro area, Golden Gate Canyon State Park and Eldorado Canyon State Park each provide a spectacular display of the annual fall gold rush. The two parks are about 30 miles apart, allowing fall color fans to visit both parks in the same day.

2. The Forests of Northern Colorado

Experience the beauty of Colorado's timberland beginning just 75 miles west of Fort Collins. State Forest, Steamboat Lake and Pearl Lake state parks beckon visitors to take a weekend away from the city. Find fall in the forest amid quiet paths covered in pine needles.

3. Up the I-70 Corridor

During the fall months, the drive up the I-70 corridor from Denver to Glenwood Springs is an unparalleled trip through the heart of the Rockies. Golden aspens paint the landscape on your way to Sylvan Lake, Rife Falls, Rifle Gap and Harvey Gap state parks.

4. Pikes Peak to River Country

Come see nature's canvas in the Pikes Peak region of Colorado. Golds, reds and oranges guide your tour from Colorado Springs to Buena Vista. Along the way, stop to enjoy the incredible views at Cheyenne Mountain State Park, Mueller State Park, Eleven Mile State Park and Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. Spend the afternoon meandering along the twists and turns of the mighty Arkansas River, as you discover Colorado's river country.

5. The Western Slope via the Vineyards

Pack up the car and spend a week on the road. Visit the Western Slope wine country this fall. Rush to the gold at the Colorado River State Park and Highline Lake State Park near Grand Junction. Then journey south to Ridgway State Park where you can experience the grandeur and ruggedness of the San Juan Mountains.

6. Fall in the Four Corners

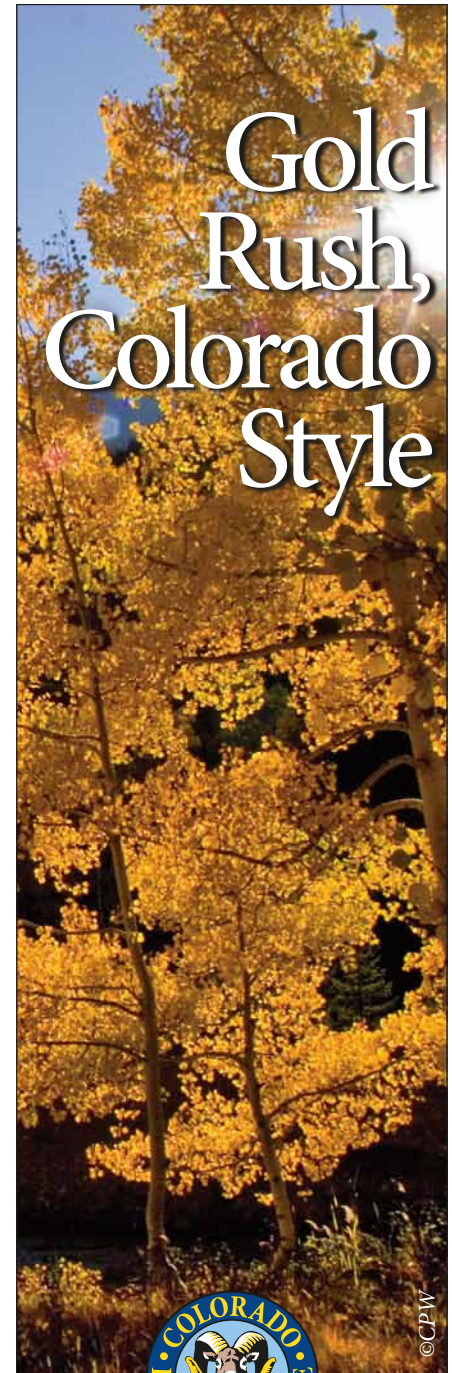
Southwest Colorado brings a new and different flavor to fall color viewing. Desert mountains, buttes and mesas are highlighted by pockets of colorful brilliance. Two reservoirs, Navajo and Mancos state parks, offer a multitude of opportunities for you. Escape the crowded cities and rejuvenate in historic southern Colorado.

7. Legendary Colors

Wind your way through the extreme southern portion of Colorado on the Highway of Legends. This extraordinary drive ties together Trinidad Lake State Park and Lathrop State Park, with the Purgatoire Valley, the Culebra Range of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and Cuchara Valley in between. Several 14,000-foot peaks and dozens of aspen groves are speckled throughout the drive. Make a weekend seeing crisp fall colors and historic attractions in southern Colorado.

8. Grand Mesa Trip

Fall brings crimson splashes and splatters of saffron to the valleys and mountains of Grand Mesa. The mild climate encourages a variety of wildlife to wander in the dense forests of the area. Come explore Vega, Paonia and Crawford state parks while touring the fall colors of the Western Slope.



Discover the bold colors and crisp autumn air in one of your 42 amazing Colorado state parks. Hike, bike, drive or even explore by horseback the beauty of this season.

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