



# Sustainable Applewood Neighborhood Newsletter

*Your ideas. Your neighborhood. Your home.*

## City of Lakewood Sustainable Neighborhoods Program

The Sustainable Neighborhoods program gives residents the opportunity to become active partners in making Lakewood a vibrant and sustainable community. Neighborhoods participating in this unique certification program use guidance from City staff to organize workshops, projects and events that enhance the livability of their neighborhood and reduce residents' ecological footprint.

Participating neighborhoods earn program credits for projects and initiatives and, depending on the number of credits earned in a given year, may receive City designation as an **“Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood,”** earning custom signage for the neighborhood.

### Learn more at

[SustainableNeighborhoodNetwork.org/Lakewood](http://SustainableNeighborhoodNetwork.org/Lakewood)



## Lakewood Welcomes Applewood into the City's Sustainable Neighborhoods Program

Written by: Your Neighborhood Leadership Team

As the population of Colorado continues to grow at a significant rate, the topic of sustainability is at the forefront of many conversations. Clean, reliable sources of energy and water are subjects we all care about, but they tend to be fairly complicated matters. When residents of the Applewood neighborhood discovered the Sustainable Neighborhoods Program, we knew this was a great way to encourage all of us to have a meaningful impact within the community. The program has allowed neighbors with varying interests to come together, meet one another and share their expertise with the local community.

### Program Goal Areas



The Applewood neighborhood is bordered by Youngfield, Colfax, Simms and 27th. We're a small, active community and we have several fun workshops lined up around composting, gardening, urban agriculture, do-it-yourself home energy improvements, graywater and rainwater harvesting systems.

We look forward to meeting new neighbors and sharing these initiatives with the greater community. If you find an initiative of interest, please don't hesitate to contact the Applewood team about joining. If you have ideas for new initiatives, we'd love to hear from you at [SustainableApplewood@gmail.com](mailto:SustainableApplewood@gmail.com).

# Applewood Sustainability Initiatives



**WE NEED YOUR IDEAS AND EXPERTISE! JOIN A TEAM AND BEGIN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE APPLEWOOD COMMUNITY TODAY!**

**Little Free Library:** Encourages social connections, deepens a sense of belonging and builds “social capital” by providing a common space where doors are always open and the invitation to visit is a standing one.



### Projects/Ideas:

- Workshop on what a Little Free Library is and what its benefits are
- Identifying potential locations for libraries
- Constructing libraries in community members' yards

### Join the team:

Contact Dianna Cooper-Ribner  
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**Urban Agriculture:** Empowers neighbors to embrace agricultural practices including beekeeping and raising chickens. We also want to enable people to learn how to responsibly harvest rainwater and graywater and setup applicable systems to do so.



### Projects/Ideas:

- Bee Keeping 101:  
Workshops on beekeeping throughout the season
- Lectures and workshops on harvesting rainwater and grey water
- Community resource guide to raising chickens

### Join the team:

Contact John Claus  
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# Applewood

## Sustainability Initiatives



**Sustainable Landscaping:** To provide information to the community about ways to minimize water usage, support pollinators such as bees, maintain a landscape without using toxic chemicals and create beautiful gardens, all while saving money, and to do this through sustainable practices such as xeriscaping, composting, choosing the right grasses, building bee condos, using nontoxic products and the like.



### Projects/Ideas:

- Workshops on composting, xeriscaping, organic gardening and pollinator support
- Seed savers and plant exchanges
- Other relevant events that neighbors want to pursue

### For more information:

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**Energy:** To promote energy conservation and renewable energy technologies to reduce utility costs and greenhouse gas emissions.



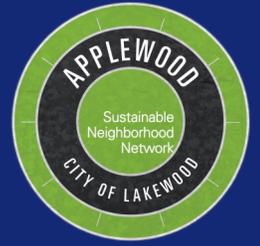
### Projects/Ideas:

- Educational workshop series on home energy conservation
- Identifying opportunities for no-cost energy conservation as a part of reroofing projects
- Residential rooftop photovoltaic electricity generation and hot water heating

### Join the team:

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# Mark Your Calendars!



## Upcoming Sustainable Applewood Events and Opportunities

### Visit the free Applewood Produce Market

Every Tuesday Morning in August and September

Do you want fresh, FREE produce? Do you have extra produce that you don't want to waste? Whichever the case, visit the Sustainable Applewood Produce Market located at the corner of 23rd Place and Urban Drive. The market opens at 7:45 a.m. every Tuesday in August and September. If you have produce you want to share, please feel free to bring it by at any point during the day to stock the table. See you at the market!



### Attend the Energy Conservation and Renewable Technologies Workshop

Sept. 9, 10 to 11:30 a.m. @ 12325 West 19th Place

This workshop will cover how photovoltaic (PV) systems work. We will evaluate a home application and its components including sizing, shading, energy use and production. Additional items to be covered will include good practices and working with building departments and Xcel Energy. Join us for a fun and educational discussion!



Please RSVP to Ken May at [Mayekenneth74@centurylink.net](mailto:Mayekenneth74@centurylink.net)

### Join your neighbors for the Sustainable Applewood Neighborhood Picnic

Sept. 10, 2 to 6 p.m. @ Chester-Portsmouth Park

This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, discuss different sustainability initiatives that are taking place in the community and share your ideas for Sustainable Applewood. Come for an enjoyable afternoon with your neighbors. Bring your own food and drink and feel free to bring your favorite lawn game or some produce from your garden to share. The picnic will take place at the southwest corner of the park, at the entrance off of 27th Avenue. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Come to Beekeeping 101: Introduction to Beekeeping

Sept. 30, 10 to 11:30 a.m. @ 12700 W 19th Place

Come learn the basics of beekeeping from one of your neighbors! This workshop will cover all of the basics behind the art of beekeeping and will answer any questions along the way. Topics that will be covered include:

- How to choose an ideal location for your hive
- The equipment involved with keeping bees
- How to manage your bee colony

Please RSVP to John Claus at [JohnClaus@fastmail.fm](mailto:JohnClaus@fastmail.fm)

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