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State Selects EnergyCAP Software to Track Energy and Water Consumption

The Governor's Energy Office has selected Good Steward Software's [EnergyCAP](#) utility tracking tool to manage and report energy and water use. All state agencies will report electric, heating fuel, and water consumption through the tracking tool, beginning with June 1, 2005 utility data. Higher Education, because of their unique environment, will have individual databases.

Good Steward now provides preferred pricing through a State price agreement to colleges, universities, K-12 school districts and local governments, based on student enrollment or the city or county's population.

EnergyCAP is the established market leader and software of choice for prominent business, government and educational organizations including the states of Tennessee, Georgia, and Maryland, Colorado State University, and Penn State, Baltimore, Sacramento, San Francisco, and Orange County California, among others.

State Joins The Climate Registry

The State of Colorado has become a Founding Reporter of [The Climate Registry](#) by being among the first to join the organization.

The Climate Registry is a non-profit organization established to measure and publicly report greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in a common, accurate and transparent manner consistent across industry sectors and borders.

The State will begin to report GHG emissions from its operations in 2009.

Greening Government Presents Status Report

to Governor Ritter



The Greening Government Coordinating Council spent a morning with Governor Ritter this month to present him with an update on the council's progress towards greening Colorado's state government.

Each council representative greeted the Governor with a quick report on their department's accomplishments, which ranged from a building automation system that will result in \$1.88 million annual savings for the Department of Human Services to eliminating Styrofoam in the 8th Judicial District workplace. Read the entire Greening Government Status Report on the [GEO website](#).



Green Tip of the Month: Improve Fuel Economy

In our last issue, we identified conservation (driving fewer miles) and THE fundamental component of the Greening Government plan to reduce petroleum consumption by 25% by 2012. By state fiscal year 2011-12, the state needs to reduce consumption in "baseline" vehicles by at least 625,000 gallons per year.

For necessary trips, driving the vehicle as efficiently as possible is another step to reduce petroleum consumption.

How to Improve Your Fuel Economy

Excerpted from Consumer Reports

Don't idle. Restarting the engine is the same as idling for only 8 seconds. State Fleet Management has an [anti-idling policy](#) (item 10), and several Colorado communities, such as [Aspen and Denver](#), have anti-idling ordinances.

Go the speed limit. Every five mph over 60 mph reduces fuel efficiency by about seven to ten percent.

Keep your vehicle maintained. A dirty air filter can result in up to 20% fewer miles per gallon.

Keep tires properly inflated. One tire under inflated by 20% (8psi) can cost more than ½ mile per gallon.

If possible, alter your drive time to **avoid driving during peak**, congested hours.

Lighten your load. Every 250 lbs = one mile per gallon. If you don't need to carry something, consider leaving it off the vehicle.

Reduce drag. Remove racks if no longer needed. ½ of a vehicle's energy is expended overcoming wind resistance.

Buy gas during the **coolest times of the day**.

Use the right octane for your car.

Do not top off your tank, it contributes to ground ozone.

Be sure your **gas cap is tight**. Improperly seated caps waste 147 million gallons of gas per year.

Drive at a **constant, moderate speed**. Accelerate slowly and brake over a longer distance.

If equipped, **use cruise control**.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, August 20, 2008
Greening Government Coordinating Council
Monthly Meeting at Recycle America,
3600 E 48th Ave, Denver, CO - (303) 296-1313

Sunday, August 24, 2008 - [Green Frontier Fest](#)

Denver, Colorado

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