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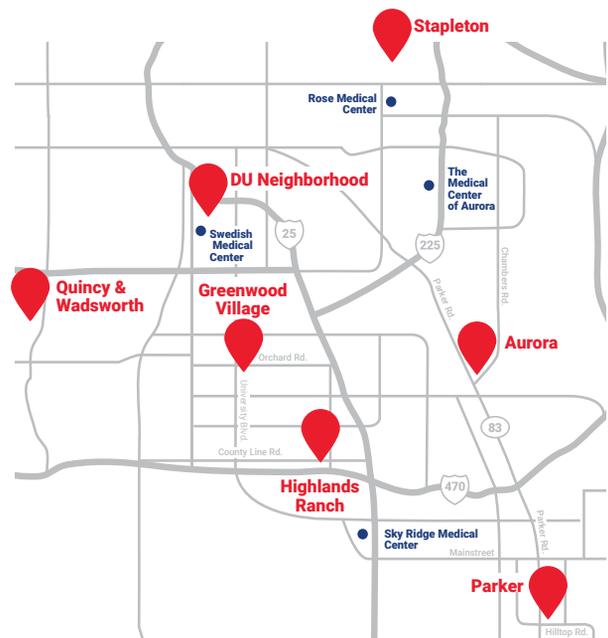
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# After The Move Checklist



## 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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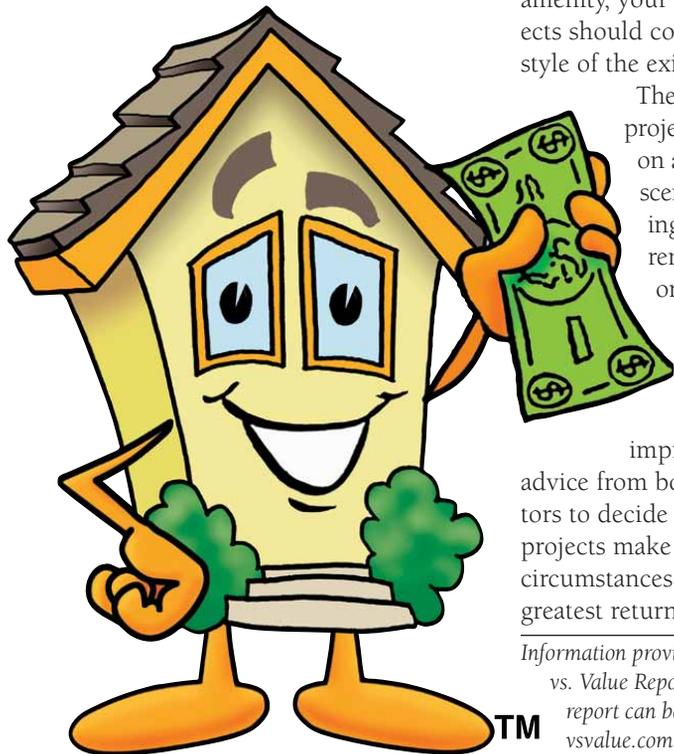
# Will Your Remodeling Project PAY OFF?

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 that many remodeling dollars are spent



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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 2019 Cost vs. Value Report." Complete data from this report can be downloaded free at [www.cost-vsvalue.com](http://www.cost-vsvalue.com).

## HOW DOES REMODELING PAY OFF?

(cost recouped, for resale now national average)

Garage Door Replacement	97.5%
Manufactured Stone Veneer	94.9%
Minor Kitchen Remodel	80.5%
Deck Addition (Wood)	75.6%
Siding Replacement (Vinyl)	75.6%
Entry Door Replacement (Steel)	74.9%
Window Replacement (Vinyl)	73.4%
Window Replacement (Wood)	70.8%
Deck Addition (Composite)	69.1%
Roofing Replacement (Asphalt)	68.2%
Bathroom Remodel	67.2%
Universal Design Bathroom	62.5%
Major Kitchen Remodel	62.1%
Bathroom Addition	60.6%
Master Suite Addition	59.4%
Backyard Patio	55.2%

# 6 Tips for Choosing the Right Paint

To help simplify things, ask yourself these questions about your personal preferences and lifestyle.

If you've ever been confused at the paint counter, you're not alone. Most home centers and paint stores sell a dizzying array of coatings in every conceivable color and sheen. That can make it difficult for anyone to pick the right paint. The answers to these 6 questions will help guide you through the maze of interior paints available today and make your purchasing decision a snap.

## 1 How sensitive am I to paint smell?

If you abhor paint odor, you should favor water-based latex paints, which have little or no odor compared to oil-based or alkyd coatings. Latex paints also simplify cleanup and perform exceptionally well on all interior surfaces. These advantages help explain why latex paints have become the overwhelming choice of both do-it-yourselfers and professional painters.



## 2 How much activity will take place in the space I am painting?

If the room you are painting will see a lot of activity, the painted surface could get soiled. In that case, it's best to use a glossier product (a high gloss or semi-gloss paint), which will tend to resist stains and are much easier to clean. If the room will see little activity, you could use any level of sheen — from a flat paint to a high gloss finish.

## 3 What atmosphere do I want to create in the room?

If your goal is to make the space cozy, consider using a “warm” color from the red, yellow or orange family; if you want it to seem cool, apply blues or greens.

## 4 Do I wish the room were bigger (or smaller)?

If you feel the space seems cramped (or, at the other extreme, cavernous), you can do something about it by selecting the right color of paint. Lighter colors make a room seem larger, while darker colors make it feel more intimate.

## 5 How often do I typically repaint?

If you paint only every so often, you'll want to apply a durable, color-fast paint that will hold up well and continue to look good for a very long time. The best option in this regard is a top quality 100% acrylic latex interior paint.

## 6 How much time do I want to devote to this painting project?

If your time is limited, or you just want to complete the project quickly, then consider applying a “paint and primer” product that works like two coatings in one. You'll likely need to apply fewer coats, which will save a lot of time — and you'll still get superior results.

Considering these questions takes just a few moments, but saves a lot of consternation when you are at your paint retailer's. More importantly, the answers will help you quickly identify the very best type of paint for your next home beautification project!



For more information on interior paints and coatings, visit the Paint Quality Institute blog at [blog.paintquality.com](http://blog.paintquality.com) or its website at [www.paintquality.com](http://www.paintquality.com).

# Security Tips for New Homeowners

## 12 Tips to Stay Safe and Protect Your Investment.

**1 Change the locks.** There is no telling how many people have a key to the locks on your house – no matter what your realtor says. You should also consider installing deadbolt locks or charlie-bars for additional safety.

**2 Don't leave moving boxes on the curb.** Leaving these items in plain sight will alert burglars that you've just completed a stressful move, and may not be paying close attention to home security.

**3 Be careful when disposing of product packaging.** You do not want to advertise recent purchases for your new home.

**4 Secure your windows.** The second most common entrance for burglars is a window. This includes second story windows that may have access from a garage, roof, or a tree with a strong branch.

**5 Trim your trees and shrubs.** Overgrown landscape can provide access to second floor windows or create hiding places.

**6 Do not store ladders or trash cans outside.** They can be used to provide easy access to second floor windows or scale fences.

**7 Make friends with the neighbors.** Forming relationships with your new neighbors can be beneficial in many ways. You can keep an eye on each other's houses during vacations and learn about neighborhood watch programs.

**8 Hang sheer curtains, blinds or other window treatments.** This will keep people from the outside looking in and checking out any new electronics or valuable items you may have purchased for your new home.

**9 Never hide a key outside.** Burglars know all of the good hiding places.

**10 Upgrade your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.** Start fresh with new batteries and test them to make sure they work.

**11 Install security lighting.** A bright, well-lit home is a burglar's worst nightmare. Security lighting around your home will deter anyone looking for a place to hide while they break in. Replace burnt out porch lights and install motion lights.

**12 Install a home security system.** A home security system with professional monitoring will provide your home with a layer of protection that can't be duplicated. According to the Electronic Security Association Inc, homes that don't have alarm systems are three times more likely to be burglarized than those that do. You can also save money on your homeowners' insurance by equipping your home with a security system.

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Here are the top reasons to join a credit union.

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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.

## 1. Better interest rates and lower fees.

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## 2. Full line of products and services.

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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.

## Protect Your Finances and Your Home With these Post-Move Steps

Buying a home is the largest purchase most people will ever make. In order to protect your finances and your largest financial investment, there are certain post-move steps you might want to consider.

### Review your will or trust

A good post-move step is to review your will or trust to make sure that your home is a part of those documents. You will need to make sure that this paperwork includes your new home and that your beneficiaries are updated.

### Purchase or adjust your life insurance policy

Whether you are a first-time homebuyer or have a house with a larger mortgage than before, you may want to purchase or increase your life insurance coverage. One way to determine how much life insurance you might need is to make sure it includes coverage for 10 years of income, plus any large debts like your mortgage.

### Drop your PMI (Private Mortgage Insurance)

PMI may have been required if you purchased your home with less than 20 percent down. This is an extra payment every month that protects the mortgage lender if you were ever to stop making payments on your home loan. This is money you will never recoup and becomes an even worse negative if the value of your home ever decreases. To remove PMI,



you must have at least 20% equity in your home. You may ask the lender to cancel PMI when you have paid down the mortgage balance to 80% of your home's original appraised value.

### Get a Home Warranty

If you didn't get a home warranty as part of the purchase process, you might want to consider getting one now. This will help protect you from the unexpected costs of a major home repair or replacement of major appliances as well as your home's heating and air conditioning systems. You can still get one after you move in, as long as no issues have presented themselves yet. If you don't purchase a home warranty, you should at least work at building up your emergency savings to cover the costs of an unexpected "surprise" so that you don't end up in a financial bind trying to cover the cost of repairs on your own.

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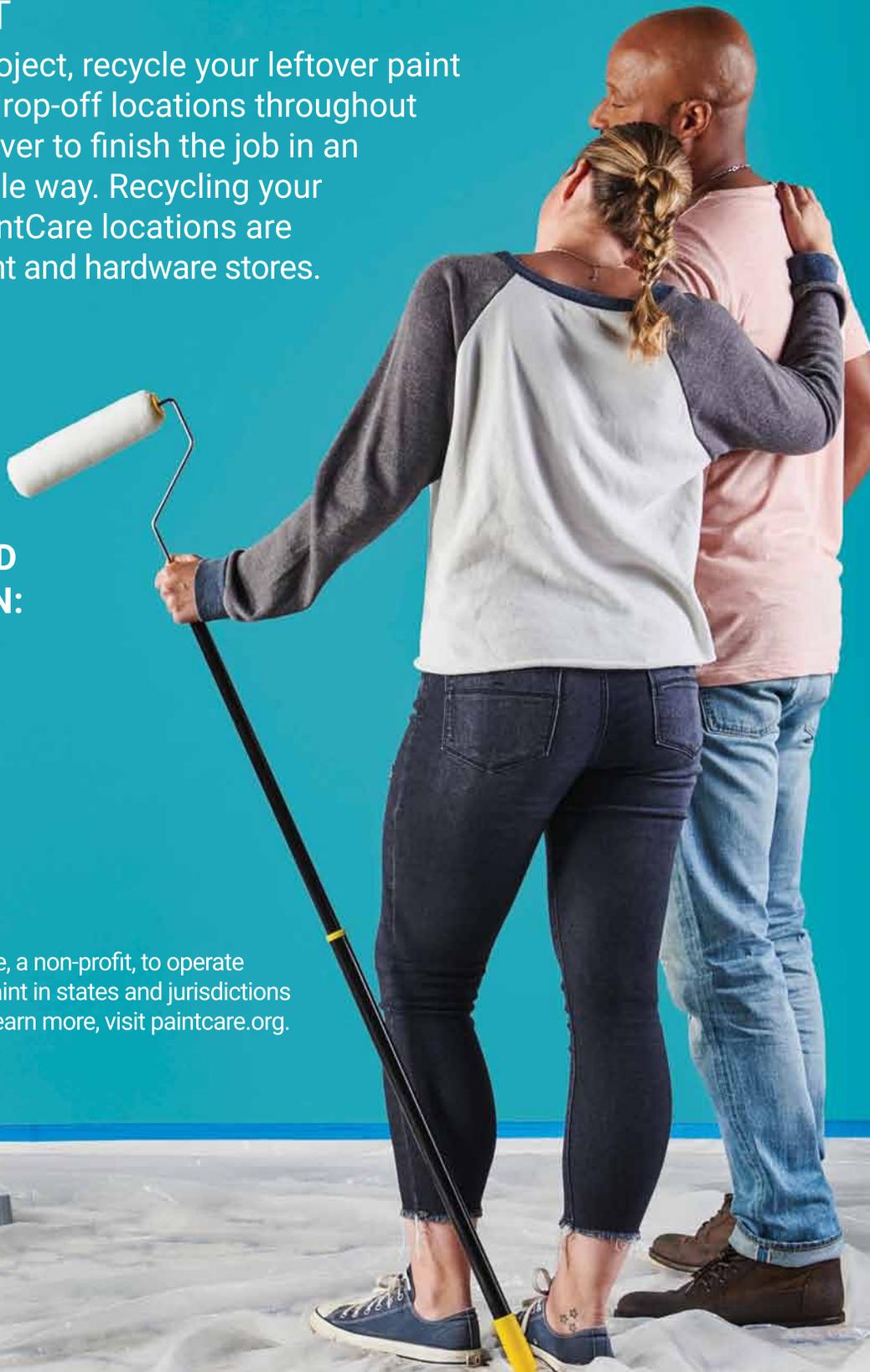
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# 12 Reasons Why Top Quality Paint Is Worth the Money

If you want to change the appearance of your new home's interior, there is no easier way to update your space than with a fresh coat of paint. But, if you're tempted to save a few dollars by trading down to a lower quality interior paint, it's important to know what you're giving up in the process. Here are 12 reasons top quality 100% acrylic latex interior paints are worth the money:

- **Better adhesion.** The superior "binder" in these paints helps them grip any surface.
- **Better hiding capability.** Top quality paints can often conceal the color below in fewer coats, saving the time and money needed to apply additional coats of paint.
- **Better spatter resistance.** These paints are less likely to throw off flecks of paint while you're applying them.
- **Better flow and leveling.** Top quality paints go on evenly; brush and roller marks tend to flow out and become unnoticeable.
- **Better touch-up.** If you have to touch up your paint job at a later date, it won't be noticeable when using a top quality paint.
- **Better stain resistance.** These paints tend to keep dirt and grime from sinking in, making for easy cleaning.
- **Better scrub resistance.** Even if you have to scrub hard to remove a stubborn stain, top quality paint is tough enough to take the scrubbing without damaging the surface of the paint.
- **Better burnish resistance.** Lower quality paints get shiny when they're scrubbed; top quality paints have less of a tendency to do so.
- **Better block resistance.** Ever notice how it's hard to open a window after it's been painted? Top quality paints are less susceptible to sticking.
- **Better print resistance.** Windowsills and other face-up surfaces can be imprinted when objects are placed on them. When painting horizontal surfaces, use of a top quality paint in an eggshell (rather than a glossier) sheen will minimize this problem.

- **Better mildew resistance.** If you don't like mildew, don't compromise on paint quality.
- **Better fade resistance.** You'll probably sweat bullets choosing just the right paint color. Make sure your color lasts by using a fade-resistant top quality 100% acrylic latex interior paint.

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# Create an Outdoor Room

Sitting comfortably with friends or family in the backyard on a cool summer evening, with a warm fire and dinner sizzling on the grill, is pure pleasure. It is also the reason why people are turning their yards and decks into inviting outdoor living spaces. People are extending the comfort and luxury of their homes into the great outdoors, and the result is the popular trend called the “outdoor room.”

Anyone can easily create an outdoor room. In general, the concept encompasses a grilling and eating area, pulled together with a hearth product, such as a fireplace or firepit.

The *Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association* offers information to consider when designing and building an outdoor room.

**Determine Use and Home’s Style.** Jot down ideas about how the space will

be used in all of its applications, from entertaining to relaxing. Clip or print pictures and put them into a notebook. It’s important to have an understanding of a home’s architectural style when creating an outdoor room so that the outdoor space accentuates the home’s indoor spaces. There are products available for every taste and style.

**Visit a Specialty Retailer.** Take the notebook and wish list to a specialty retailer that sells hearth, barbecue and patio products. A specialty retailer can help determine the materials and outdoor room products available in an area and guide the final plan, as well as coordinate installation. After obtaining the details from a specialty retailer, go online to review products and manufacturer information.

**Consider Fire and Food.** These are key elements in every well-designed outdoor room. Position the fireplace as the focal point, blend in the cooking and eating areas and then consider additional features.

**Think foundation and draw a plan.** Stone patios, retaining walls, fences and decks are basic foundation elements. The best way to achieve the desired end result is to sketch out a plan. Don’t worry about picture-perfect drawings – it’s the general idea that counts!

**Accessorize with landscaping, furniture and lighting.** Select comfortable patio furniture that invites people to settle in for an extended period of time. In addition to tables and chairs for the eating area, consider chaise lounges, couches and side tables. To extend the amount of time spent outdoors, consider lighting for pathways, around pools, or to accentuate landscaping.

**Work with a professional.** A specialty retailer is a key partner in creating an outdoor room. In addition to expertise and products, a specialty retailer can offer key insights about what’s available in a particular area and what works best in a certain climate.

For more information, visit the *Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association* at [www.hpba.org](http://www.hpba.org).

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# A Faster Way to Heal After Total Joint Surgery

By Dr. Joseph Assini



If you are experiencing chronic hip and knee pain, it may be time to consider total joint surgery. However, total joint surgery doesn't have to mean an extended hospital stay or a long recovery process.

In most cases, doctors will have patients try non-surgical methods (such as anti-inflammatory medications, injections and physical therapy) to treat their pain before recommending a total joint arthroplasty, which is a procedure to restore the function of a joint in the hip or knee. For patients who are still experiencing debilitating pain after they have tried non-surgical options, total joint arthroplasty can enable you to regain motion, flexibility and full use of your previously cranky knee or achy hip.

Advancements in total joint surgery have made it possible for patients to undergo a minimally-invasive outpatient procedure, which can significantly speed up recovery times and increase success rates. When patients ask about minimally-invasive surgery for joint replacement, what they often don't know is that it's not just about the size of the incision. The cuts made deep inside the tissue is what causes the pain and can impact recovery times.

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not just act as a hinge, but also to rotate around an axis like a normal knee does. This in turn makes the artificial knee feel more stable and more natural, especially during activity. In most cases, knee and hip implants can last up to 25-30 years.

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## About Joseph Assini, MD

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# What Women Should Know About Endometriosis

By Dr. Laura Boyer



Endometriosis is a serious women's health issue that may affect more than 11 percent of women in America between the ages of 15 and 44 according to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Unfortunately, there is often a delay in diagnosis at treatment; women might downplay their symptoms to their OB/GYN, or a physician may not see a painful period as a serious health concern.

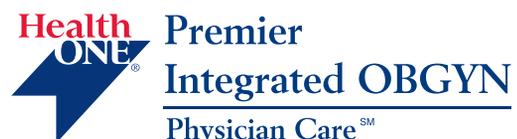
Endometriosis occurs when the tissue that lines the uterus begins to grow outside of the uterus. This abnormal tissue is most often found on the ovaries, fallopian tubes, outer surface of the uterus, or the lining of the pelvis. This tends to cause increased pain during a women's period due to inflammation in these areas — with time, these areas of abnormal tissue can get larger and sometimes spread to more areas, causing more pain. Scarring also tends to occur with time. This scarring can sometimes cause blockages that can make it more difficult to get pregnant. As endometriosis progresses, pain with periods tends to get worse with time and it can start to happen outside of a woman's period.

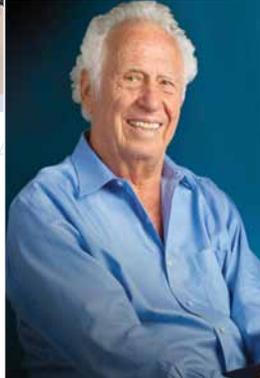
Unfortunately, endometriosis cannot be prevented or completely cured. However, there are ways to treat the symptoms, usually by using hormonal birth control or other types of

medications. Physical therapy, including specialized physical therapy targeting the pelvic muscles, can be a helpful part of treatment as well. Surgery may be necessary for some women in order to correctly diagnose the condition as well as to remove the endometriosis. In severe cases, women may require surgery to remove the uterus and sometimes ovaries. Surgery for endometriosis is typically done with small incisions using a technique called laparoscopy. The decision about what medications to use and when or if surgery is needed can be complicated. It is important that women with endometriosis find a doctor that they trust who can help guide them through these options to make the treatment decisions that are right for them.

## About Laura Boyer, MD

*Dr. Boyer is a board certified OB/GYN at Premier Integrated OBGYN in Denver. Dr. Boyer treats women in all stages of life and specializes in treating health conditions such as endometriosis and other forms of chronic pelvic pain, abnormal bleeding, vaginitis, and menopausal hot flashes. She also cares for women during pregnancy and performs minimally invasive surgery, including robotic surgery.*





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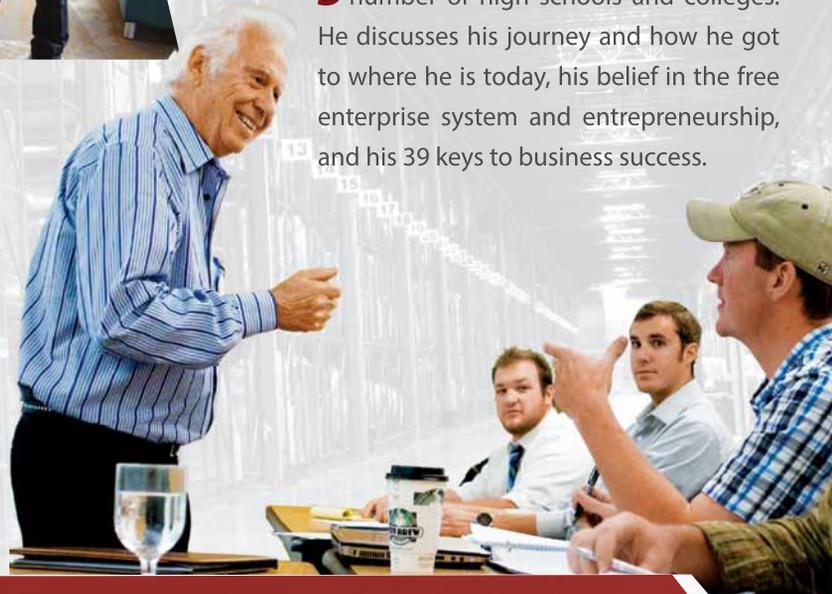
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# Designing With Area Rugs

Rachel Sellers, Content Writer,  
American Furniture Warehouse

When you're brainstorming decor ideas for your home, it's easy to overlook the prime decor real estate that's just under your feet. Your floors are just as much of a canvas for your design vision as the rest of your space, and there's no better way to decorate them than with an area rug.

Using an area rug in a room is like adding artwork to your floor. Just like wall art, a rug introduces color, pattern, and texture that make the space more interesting while also working to make the room feel visually cohesive. It creates a focal point that anchors the space by extending the decor scheme to the floor. Rugs also visually separate different parts of a space, something



that can be especially useful when creating conversation areas in large spaces. In a smaller space, a rug plus an accent chair, small table, and a floor lamp are all you need to create a cozy conversation or reading corner. Rugs don't just have design benefits either: they add warmth and softness to hardwood or tile floors while also reducing the amount of echo in a room. Have carpeting? An area rug can still benefit you by saving wear and tear on wall-to-wall carpeting in high traffic areas.



There are plenty of size, color, and style options to choose from when you add a rug to your home. Before you start thinking about color or pattern, determine what size rug will work best in your room. If you use a rug in your living room, it should be big enough to at least touch the front of your sofa or sectional, not just fit under your cocktail table. The rug would ideally extend under at least the front legs of your furniture, if

not under the whole piece. When using a rug under your dining table, choose an 8' x 10' rug to be sure that the rug is large enough that the table and the chairs will fit on it comfortably. In a bedroom, a rug can serve as a great accent when placed at a 45-degree angle under one side or foot of the bed.



Once you determine what size rug you need, it's time to choose the color of your rug. One key thing to keep in mind is that you don't have to match your rug to your upholstery—it should coordinate with the rest of the room, but it's actually better if it isn't an exact match because it's more interesting. A great way to choose a rug that harmonizes with the rest of the room without matching too closely is to pick a rug that includes some of the colors used throughout the rest of the room. This idea also applies when you pair a patterned rug with upholstered items covered in patterned fabrics: the colors should coordinate, but they don't have to match. It also helps if the pattern in the rug is a different size than the pattern in your upholstery.

After you've selected a rug that is the right size and color for your space, be sure to pick up a rug pad to go along with it so that it doesn't slide around as you walk on it. It's also important to vacuum your rug regularly to keep it clean and extend the life of your rug. Once you know how to decorate with an area rug, the only limit is your imagination.



# Organizationally challenged?



## 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.

### A closet case

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

- Store outerwear, umbrellas, hats, gloves, scarves in your hallway closet. Don't overstuff it so you have room for visitor's belongings when entertaining. Install hooks inside the door for a tote that you can fill with items going to the dry cleaner. When it's full, just take the tote to your car.
- 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.

# Making One Room into Two – With a Murphy Bed

**W**hether 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 resembling cabinetry when not in use, 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 35 models on display, and Cabinet Beds are available in eight colors," says Steve Beckmann, the owner of Smart Spaces. Founded in 2004, 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 4,000 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 decide what will best work for their space. Our designers have great software that helps the customer envision how their room can be used. Once the design is chosen, it can take as little as 3-4 weeks to the time of

installation, as we manufacture our beds here onsite using local vendors."

## 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..

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## Drab to Fab in 3 Easy Steps

### Give your old things a new life without busting your budget

**H**ow 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 be up to date on the latest paint color trends, take advice from Ellen O’Neil, Director of Strategic Design Intelligence at Benjamin Moore. She recently announced Metropolitan AF-690 as the 2019 color of the year. “Comforting, composed and effortlessly sophisticated, this trendy gray with cool undertones, exudes beauty and balance,” she said. “It’s a color in the neutral spectrum that references a contemplative state of mind and design. Not arresting nor aggressive, this understated yet glamorous gray creates a soothing, impactful common ground.”

**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.

# Custom Closets – What to Look for, and Where

**M**ark 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. prebuilt 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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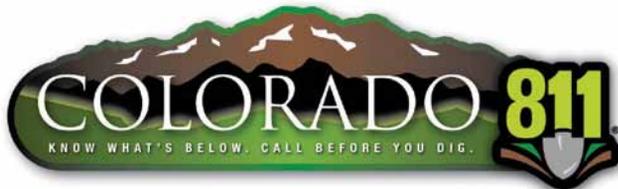
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# Hot Tips – Cold Cash

## 25 Easy Ways to Save Money and Energy

**S**aving 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, but 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 \$50-\$150) 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 the exposed ones 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%.
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- 7 Need to **replace your water heater**? Consider a money-saving tankless model or a solar water heater.
- 8 Whatever new appliance you purchase, make sure it has an **ENERGY STAR rating**.
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- 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 or LEDs** 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 dog 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 you 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 towels and other heavy items.
- 19 Use a **power strip to centrally shut off all your electronics** when not in use.
- 20 **Unplug battery chargers and power adapters**, which are notorious energy zappers.
- 21 **Close your doors**. Remembering to close your refrigerator doors, fireplace doors, and house doors quickly after use can go a long way in reducing energy waste.
- 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. 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.

# Moving with Children

*Once the boxes are unpacked, the next step is to help your kids settle into their new neighborhood.*

**H**ere are a few tips that should help ease the transition.

## Search for evidence of kids living on your street and in your neighborhood

Look for signs that kids live in a house—swing sets, bikes and other toys. Neighbors can be helpful as well, telling you which houses have children living there.

## Spend time in a local park

Neighborhood parks are an ideal place to meet not only other kids, but other parents as well. There may even be a park inside your neighborhood where you can spend hours of time outside meeting new friends and learning about your new neighborhood. Get outside and good things will happen!

## Host a party for kids

You can invite kids from the neighborhood and from the playground. Invite the parents to come so you can also meet new people, and deliver the party invites in person with your child door to door. If you keep it simple, it's a great way for you and your child to get to know the area.

## Join the neighborhood community center

Most recreation centers and community centers have classes for kids, including recreational programs, sports teams, family swim times and more. Be sure to join along with your child and speak to staff members to see what other opportunities exist in your neighborhood.



## Visit the library

We often forget that the local library is a wonderful place to meet other parents and children. Staff here can provide great information on what's going on in the neighborhood and can suggest family-friendly activities in your new neighborhood. Spending time in the children's section of the library and checking out books is a fantastic way to let your children interact with others.

## Spend time outside

Sometimes all you need to do to meet the neighbors is to spend time in your front yard. Go for a walk, a bike ride or just hang out on your front porch.

If you do these things we've suggested, you are sure to be discovered by neighborhood kids and families and your child will feel happy and settled into their new home and neighborhood before you know it.

## NEWCOMER AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION



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

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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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Drivers licenses must be transferred within 30 days and vehicles must be registered within 90 days after becoming a Colorado resident. For motor vehicle and driver license purposes, you are considered a resident if you own or operate a business in Colorado, are gainfully employed in

Colorado, or reside in Colorado for 90 consecutive days.

Out of state students are not required to obtain Colorado license plates or a Colorado driver license if they have valid plates and a valid license from their home state. Active duty U.S. military personnel and their spouses are also not required to obtain a Colorado driver license if they have a valid license from another state.

A newcomer to Colorado must obtain a Colorado driver 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 [colorado.gov/dmv](http://colorado.gov/dmv).

### 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 Envirotec'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](http://aircarecolorado.com) or call the Air Care Colorado Hotline 303-456-7090 (See ad and article page 27.)

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.....	720-865-4600
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.

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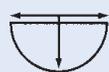
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- 2) Submit previous license, permit, birth certificate or other document that shows proof of identity and current age.
- 3) Reside at a Colorado residence address and provide proof of legal presence.
- 4) Have your photograph and fingerprints taken.
- 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..... 303-660-7400
  - Denver-SW..... 303-937-9507
  - Denver-NE..... 303-373-0161
  - Evergreen..... 720-497-1182
  - Lakewood..... 303-205-5609
  - Littleton..... 303-795-5954
  - Northglenn..... 720-929-8636
  - Parker..... 303-627-0985
 For further assistance regarding driver's license information visit [colorado.gov](http://colorado.gov)

### 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

### 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

### Auto Clubs

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

### 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](http://www.coloradodot.info/programs).

#### Denver International Airport

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

#### Train Service

Amtrak - Union Station Info..... 303-592-6712

#### Bus Service:

The bus service is provided by 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), Broncos-Ride 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](http://www.mywaytogo.org). For more information and free personal assistance, call 303-458-7665 or send an e-mail to: [waytogo@drco.org](mailto:waytogo@drco.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:** Call for more information at 303-825-3325 or go to **DenverBicycle.com**.
- **Boulder residents:** Call for more information at 303-532-4412 or go to **BoulderBicycle.com**.

### 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.

Adams County ..... 720-523-6500  
 Arapahoe County ..... 303-795-4511  
 Denver County..... 720-865-8683  
 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..... 303-660-7505  
 Jefferson County ..... 303-277-0211  
 Rocky Mountain Poison Center and  
 Drug Center ..... 303-739-1123  
 Xcel Energy Electric Outage ..... 1-800-895-1999  
 Xcel Energy Gas Emergency ..... 1-800-895-2999

### Utilities

**Gas & Electric:** Xcel Energy

#### 24-Hour Emergency

Xcel Energy Electric Outage.. 1-800-895-1999  
 Xcel Energy Gas Emergency.. 1-800-895-2999

#### Residential

24-Hour Customer Service  
 and Billing..... 1-800-895-4999  
 HomeSmart from Xcel Energy Appliance  
 Repair & Replacement..... 1-866-837-9762  
 Business Solutions Centers –  
 Customer Service & Billing... 1-800-481-4700  
 Other  
 Call Before You Dig/Utility Notification  
 Center of Colorado ..... 1-800-232-1991  
 Web site..... [co811.org](http://co811.org)

#### Telephone

CenturyLink..... 800-603-6000  
[centurylink.com](http://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 ..... 303-628-6801

### U.S. Postal Service

Postal Answer Line ..... 1-800-275-8777  
[www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

### Libraries

Arapahoe..... 303-542-7279  
 Aurora..... 303-739-6600  
 Brighton ..... 303-405-3230  
 Boulder ..... 303-441-3100  
 Denver Public Library, Main ..... 720-865-1111  
 Douglas County..... 303-791-7323  
 Englewood ..... 303-762-2560  
 Jefferson County..... 303-235-5275

### Credit Unions

Westerra Credit Union..... 303-321-4209

### 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 learn more visit [energyscience.org](http://energyscience.org)

### Trash Removal

For customer service questions regarding trash & recycling services in the city and county of Denver ..... (720-913-1311)

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### Recycling Hotlines

Colorado Energy Office ..... 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 a 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](http://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. Visit [211colorado.communityos.org](http://211colorado.communityos.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](http://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](http://arvadachamber.org)  
 Aurora.....303-344-1500 [aurorachamber.org](http://aurorachamber.org)  
 Boulder ..... 303-442-1044 [boulderchamber.com](http://boulderchamber.com)  
 Denver ..... 303-534-8500 [denverchamber.org](http://denverchamber.org)  
 Golden ..... 303-279-3113 [goldenchamber.org](http://goldenchamber.org)  
 South Metro Denver ..... 303-795-0142  
 (Englewood & Littleton) [bestchamber.com](http://bestchamber.com)  
 West Metro .....303-233-5555 [westchamber.org](http://westchamber.org)  
 Metro North ..... 303-288-1000  
[metronorthchamber.com](http://metronorthchamber.com)

### Volunteer Opportunities

Metro Volunteers ..... 303-282-1234  
[metrovolunteers.org](http://metrovolunteers.org)  
 Boulder County Volunteer  
 Connection..... 303-444-4013  
[volunteer.unitedwayfoothills.org](http://volunteer.unitedwayfoothills.org)  
 CareConnect of Boulder County... 303-443-1933  
[careconnectbc.org](http://careconnectbc.org)

### Schools

Information on the school districts in the seven county Denver metro area may be obtained by contacting:

Colorado Department of Education.....  
 303-866-6600 ..... [cde.state.co.us](http://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, [cde.state.co.us/onlinelearning/schools.htm](http://cde.state.co.us/onlinelearning/schools.htm).

### Senior Services

American Assn. of Retired Persons  
 Colorado State Office.....866-554-5376  
[aarp.org/states/co](http://aarp.org/states/co)  
 DRCOG Area Agency on Aging .... 303-455-1000  
[drcog.org](http://drcog.org)  
 CareConnect of Boulder County... 303-443-1933  
[careconnectbc.org](http://careconnectbc.org)  
 Innovage. .... 303-300-6906  
[myinnovage.org](http://myinnovage.org)

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### Denver Metro Area Hotspots

- Aurora** - HealthONE - The Medical Center of Aurora ..... 303-695-2600  
auroramed.com
- Aurora** - HealthONE - Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital ..... 303-367-1166  
spaldingrehab.com
- Boulder** - Boulder Community Health ..... 303-440-2273  
bch.org
- Brighton** - Platte Valley Medical Center ..... 303-659-5800  
pvmc.org
- Centennial** - HealthONE - Centennial Medical Plaza ..... 303-699-3000  
auroramed.com
- Denver** - Centura Health - Porter Adventist Hospital ..... 303-778-1955  
porterhospital.org
- Denver** - Centura Health - St. Anthony Central Hospital ..... 720-321-0000  
stanthonyhosp.org
- Denver** - Children's Hospital ..... 800-624-6553  
childrenscolorado.org
- Denver** - HealthONE - Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center ..... 303-839-6000  
pslmc.com
- Denver** - HealthONE - Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children ..... 720-754-1000  
rockymountainhospitalforchildren.com
- Denver** - HealthONE - Rose Medical Center ..... 303-320-2121  
rosemcd.com
- Denver** - Denver Health Medical Center ..... 303-436-4949  
denverhealth.org
- Denver** - National Jewish ..... 877-225-5654  
nationaljewish.org
- Denver** - St. Joseph Hospital ..... 303-812-2000  
sclhealth.org
- Denver** - University of Colorado Hospital ..... 720-848-0000  
uchealth.org
- Denver** - Veterans Affairs Medical Center ..... 303-399-8020  
denver.va.gov
- Englewood** - HealthONE - Swedish Medical Center ..... 303-788-5000  
swedishhospital.com
- Lafayette** - Good Samaritan Medical Center ..... 303-689-4000  
sclhealth.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 ..... 720-636-9237  
avistahospital.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 ..... 720-627-0000  
stanthonynorth.org
- Wheat Ridge** - Lutheran Medical Center ..... 303-425-4500  
sclhealth.org

# Read this to avoid the ‘NOT READY’ emissions inspection blues

So, you’ve just moved to *Colorful Colorado* and you realize you need an emissions inspection in order to register your vehicle in your newly chosen county. A quick tune-up seems in order. You take your vehicle to the shop, it’s given the once-over and you’re on your way to an Air Care Colorado emissions inspection station.

Imagine your surprise – and frustration – when the friendly emissions inspector tells you she can’t test your vehicle because it’s “NOT READY” to be tested. Or you may have already had an inspection but your vehicle failed. You had repairs done and have now returned to the inspection station for the retest but the inspector tells you he can’t test your vehicle because it’s “NOT READY.”

What?! The engine starts, the car drives just fine, it has just been tuned-up/repared. What on earth does “NOT READY” mean?!

It means that your vehicle’s OBD (On Board Diagnostics) computer monitoring system has recently been

cleared or reset, or the vehicle battery has been disconnected. And, it means that you must now drive the vehicle for a while – a drive cycle or two – so that the OBD system can perform diagnostic ‘self-checks’ to restore information about the vehicle’s emissions control devices before it can be inspected.

Vehicles less than 12 years old require an OBD (On-Board Diagnostics) inspection. The OBD inspection is a “plug-in” computerized test that reads information that has been recorded during the vehicles recent driving history. OBD continuously self-tests the vehicle’s emissions control systems, using various monitors, to determine if a device or system is failing; think of a continuous on-road emissions inspection.

If an OBD self-test has been completed, the system will be reported as “READY.” An incomplete self-test will be reported as “NOT READY.” A vehicle with “NOT READY” status cannot be inspected

until self-testing is complete and the monitors are set to “READY.”

## What causes a “NOT READY” designation?

- Recent vehicle repairs in which diagnostic trouble codes have been cleared with an OBD scan tool
- Recently disconnected or replaced battery
- Recent computer software upgrade
- Pending problem(s) that has not yet illuminated the “check engine” light

## What now?

To allow a vehicle’s monitors to reset and become “READY” it must be driven so that self-tests can be completed and the monitors can be reset to “READY.” To do this the vehicle must run through its specific drive cycle, which depends on the vehicle make and model and which monitor(s) need to be reset. In most cases, two drive cycles are required to reset the monitors.

## Need an emissions test? visit one of Envirotest’s

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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

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### 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](http://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.



### Shopping

Aspen Grove  
Santa Fe & Mineral ..... 303-794-0640  
Town Center at Aurora Mall  
14200 E. Alameda ..... 303-344-9764  
Belmar  
464 S. Teller St. .... 303-742-1520  
Cherry Creek Shopping Center -  
1st & University ..... 303-388-3900  
Cherry Creek North - North of  
Cherry Creek Mall ..... 303-394-2904  
Colorado Mills - Colfax & Indiana  
(near I-70) ..... 303-384-3000  
Denver Pavilions - 16th Street Mall  
between Tremont & Welton St. 303-260-6000  
Flatiron Crossing - Boulder Turnpike & Storage  
Tech/Interlocken Loop ..... 720-463-4000  
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1400 Block of Larimer ..... 303-534-2367  
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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 ..... 866-746-7686  
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 ..... 303-628-1000  
Tamarac Square  
7777 E. Hampden Ave. .... 877-225-5337  
The Shops at Northfield Stapleton  
8340 Northfield Blvd. .... 303-375-5475

The Streets at SouthGlenn  
University & Arapahoe ..... 303-539-7141

### Attractions & Entertainment

Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum &  
Grave ..... 303-526-0744 [buffalobill.org](http://buffalobill.org)  
Butterfly Pavilion and Insect Center  
303-469-5441 [butterflies.org](http://butterflies.org)  
Children's Museum of Denver ..... 303-433-7444  
[mychildsmuseum.org](http://mychildsmuseum.org)  
Colorado Sports Hall of Fame ..... 720-258-3888  
[coloradosports.org](http://coloradosports.org)  
Colorado State Capitol ..... 303-866-2604  
[colorado.gov/capitol](http://colorado.gov/capitol)  
Coors Brewing Company Tours 303-277-2337  
[coors.com](http://coors.com)  
Denver Art Museum ..... 720-865-5000  
[denverartmuseum.org](http://denverartmuseum.org)  
Denver Botanic Gardens ..... 720-865-3500  
[botanicgardens.org](http://botanicgardens.org)  
Denver Coliseum Box Office ..... 720-865-2475  
[denvercoliseum.com](http://denvercoliseum.com)  
Denver Firefighters Museum ..... 303-892-1436  
[denverfirefightersmuseum.org](http://denverfirefightersmuseum.org)  
Denver Museum of Nature &  
Science ..... 303-370-6000 [dmns.org](http://dmns.org)  
Denver Zoo ..... 720-337-1400 [denverzoo.org](http://denverzoo.org)  
Downtown Aquarium ..... 303-561-4450  
[aquariumrestaurants.com](http://aquariumrestaurants.com)  
Fiddler's Green Amphitheater ..... 303-220-7000  
Four Mile Historic Park ..... 720-865-0800  
[fourmilepark.org](http://fourmilepark.org)  
Gates Planetarium ..... 303-370-6000 [dmns.org](http://dmns.org)  
History Colorado Center ..... 303-866-3682  
[historycoloradocenter.org](http://historycoloradocenter.org)  
IMAX Theatre ..... 303-370-6000 [dmns.org](http://dmns.org)  
Lakeside Amusement Park ..... 303-477-1621  
[lakesideamusementpark.com](http://lakesideamusementpark.com)  
Littleton Historical Museum ..... 303-795-3950  
[littletongov.org/museum](http://littletongov.org/museum)  
Molly Brown Museum ..... 303-832-4092  
[mollybrown.org](http://mollybrown.org)  
National Western Stock Show ..... 303-296-6977  
[nationalwestern.com](http://nationalwestern.com)  
Red Rocks Amphitheater ..... 720-865-2494  
[redrocksonline.com](http://redrocksonline.com)  
Six Flags Elitch Gardens ..... 303-595-4386  
[elitchgardens.com](http://elitchgardens.com)  
Tiny Town Railroad ..... 303-697-6829  
[tinytownrailroad.com](http://tinytownrailroad.com)  
U.S. Mint ..... 800-872-6488 [usmint.gov](http://usmint.gov)  
WaterWorld ..... 303-427-7873  
[waterworldcolorado.com](http://waterworldcolorado.com)

### Colorado Breweries

[www.colorado.com/colorado-breweries](http://www.colorado.com/colorado-breweries)

### Arts

Arvada Center for the Arts & Humanities  
720-898-7200 [arvadacenter.org](http://arvadacenter.org)  
Colorado Ballet . 303-837-8888 [coloradoballet.org](http://coloradoballet.org)  
Colorado Creative Industries ..... 303-892-3840  
[coloradocreativeindustries.org](http://coloradocreativeindustries.org)  
Colorado Symphony Orchestra .... 303-623-7876  
[coloradosymphony.org](http://coloradosymphony.org)  
Denver Performing Arts Complex. 303-893-4100  
[denvercenter.org](http://denvercenter.org)  
Museum of Contemporary Art ..... 303-298-7554  
[mcdenver.org](http://mcdenver.org)  
Opera Colorado 303-778-1500 [operacolorado.org](http://operacolorado.org)

### Sports in Denver

For season tickets or information on the following teams and sporting attractions call:  
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Denver Broncos NFL Football ..... 303-649-9000  
Colorado Avalanche ..... 303-405-1100  
NHL Hockey  
Denver Nuggets ..... 303-405-1100  
NBA Basketball  
Colorado Rockies ..... 303-762-5437  
Major League Baseball  
The Colorado Rapids ..... 303-825-4625  
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Colorado Mammoth ..... 303-405-1101  
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 ... 303-492-8337  
Ticket Office  
University of Denver Athletic ..... 303-871-2336  
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### Golf in Colorado

For a comprehensive online golf course directory go to: [golfink.com](http://golfink.com)

### Dog Friendly Places in Colorado

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finding dog friendly businesses and activities. Find out which restaurants, breweries, shops, businesses, activities, hikes and trails are available for you and your dog.

### Tourism

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

### Colorado Ski Resorts

Arapahoe Basin.....	888-272-7246
Aspen Highlands.....	800-525-6200
Aspen Mountain.....	800-525-6200
Buttermilk.....	800-525-6200
Copper Mountain.....	866-841-2481
Crested Butte.....	877-547-5143
Eldora.....	303-440-8700
Howelsen.....	970-879-8499
Loveland.....	303-571-5580
Monarch.....	719-530-5000
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.....	877-935-5021
Winter Park.....	970-726-5514
Wolf Creek.....	800-754-9653

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



### Parks & Recreation Information

For information on Colorado Parks and Wildlife, please visit cpw.state.co.us. There are 41 parks in the state park system—nine in the Denver metro area. They offer fishing, hiking, boating, camping and a subscription offer to *Colorado Outdoors Magazine*.

National Park Service .....303-969-2500  
U.S. Forest Service .....303-275-5350  
Rocky Mountain Region

### Hunting & Fishing Licenses

For information on residency requirements and license fees call the Colorado Parks and Wildlife at 303-297-1192 or visit cpw.state.co.us. Licenses can be purchased at any Colorado Parks and Wildlife office or at most sporting goods stores.

Hunting Info Hotline (24 hours) ..303-291-7529  
Fishing Info Hotline (24 hours)....303-291-7533



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#### Upcoming Events

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# Welcome Home – to Colorado

The time for Colorado is now, especially for its residents.

Colorado's State Parks draw people from all over the country seeking to quench their thirst for adventure, recreational activity and breathtaking sights that cannot be found anywhere else. For Colorado's oldest and newest residents, these opportunities can be found in their own backyards. State Parks offer a chance for hiking, biking, fishing and wildlife viewing, not to mention the education that comes with the great outdoors. Here are just some of the activities you'll find when you visit one of Colorado's State Parks:

## 1 Paddle Boarding at Cherry Creek State Park

Paddle boarding has become an increasingly popular recreational activity for people to explore, exercise and even relax. Cherry Creek State Park offers board rentals through their partnership with Rocky Mountain Paddleboard. The park is conveniently located just outside of the Denver metro area, so head over to Cherry Creek State Park's Wharf Beach to start your own experience.

## 2 Camping and Cabins at Vega State Park

Whether you enjoy sleeping under the stars, luxurious camping or a rustic cabin getaway, Vega State Park has something for everyone. The park offers four unique campgrounds, 109 total campsites and five cabins, all surrounding Vega Reservoir. Early Settlers, Aspen Grove and Oak Point campgrounds offer fully equipped pull-through and back-in sites, while Pioneer campground offers walk-in tent sites and rustic cabins. Camping reservations for all State Parks can be



Vega State Park

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made six months in advance online at [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us).

## 3 Scenic Hiking at Golden Gate Canyon State Park

Twelve hiking trails; 35 total miles; one great reason to visit Golden Gate Canyon State Park. Hike, bike, horseback or walk your dog through this breathtaking, 12,000-acre state park located only 30 miles from Denver. Bring the family for a day hike and picnic, or pack in to one of the many backcountry tent sites or shelters. However you choose to experience Golden Gate Canyon, it is a must visit state park.



State Forest

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## 4 Wildlife Viewing at State Forest State Park

There are seemingly endless opportunities to catch a glimpse of a variety of wildlife throughout State Forest State Park. The park is home to a vast array of large and small animals, birds and fish. Just about any animal that calls Colorado home can be seen throughout this 71,000-acre scenic destination. State Forest offers three specific nature

trails leading to a moose viewing deck and a wildlife kiosk at North Michigan Reservoir. Although located farther from the Denver metro area, this park is well worth the travel time.



Mancos

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## 5 Trail/Mountain Biking at Mancos State Park

Avid mountain bikers unite! Mancos State Park offers primarily single-track trails that connect to various U.S. Forest trails as well as the Denver-to-Durango trail, which stretches approximately 336 miles. Whether you want to add mountain biking to your exercise routine, casually cruise through the trails or plan a long-term biking adventure, Mancos State Park offers it all. For more trail information on Mancos State Park visit [cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/Parks/mancos](http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/Parks/mancos).

## 6 Fishing at Lake Pueblo

This park offers more water than even the most determined angler could fish in one day. Rated one of the top state park destinations for fishing, Lake Pueblo offers 4,600 surface acres of water and 60 miles of shoreline. This is your chance to catch largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleye, catfish, trout and more. Pick up your fishing license at the park's Visitor Center and make a day of one of Colorado's favorite pastimes.

For more information and to plan your next adventure in one of Colorado's State Parks, visit [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us).



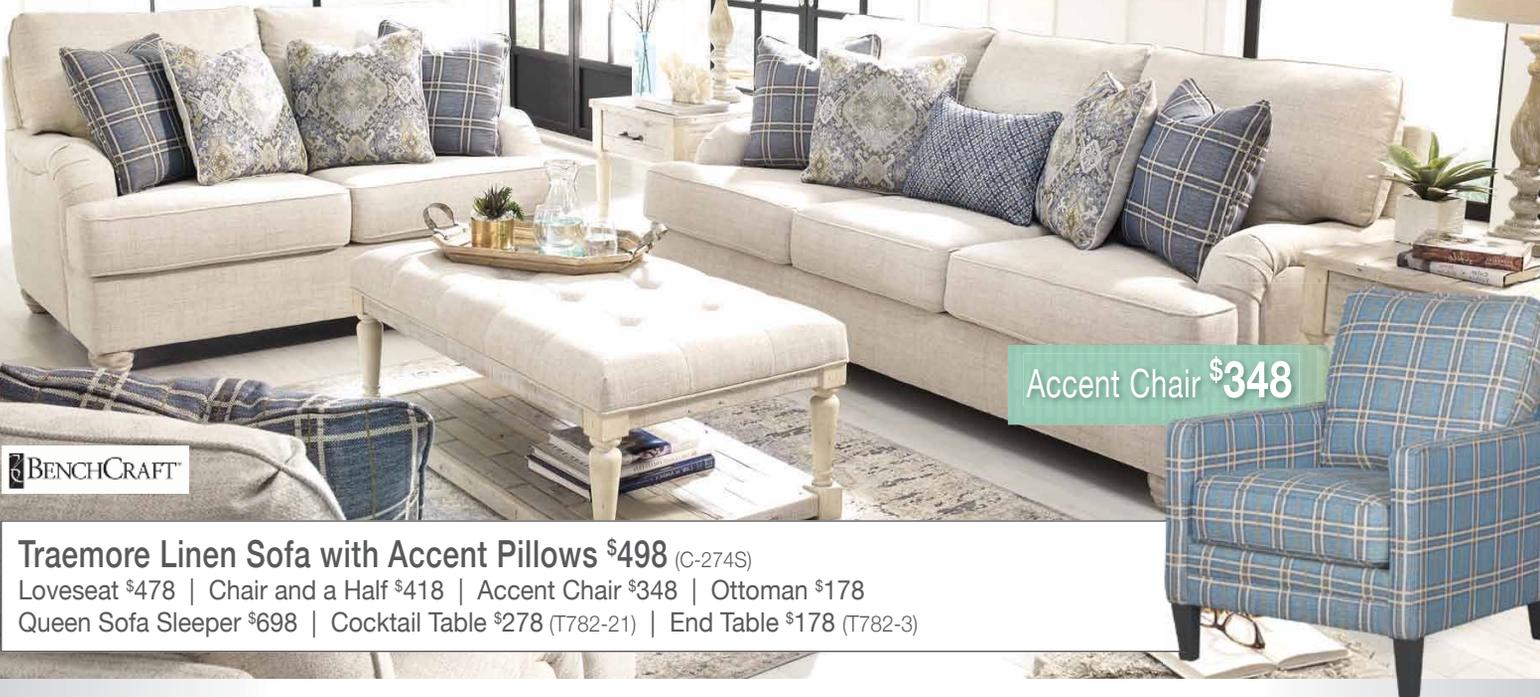


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