



Colorado Interfaith Power & Light

Congregational Eco Audit

Colorado Interfaith Power & Light provides support to individuals and congregations in their goal to be faithful stewards of God's creation. COIPL encourages stewardship through the promotion of energy conservation, energy efficiency, renewable energy and making the commitment to sustainability. We seek to protect the earth's ecosystems, safeguard public health and ensure sufficient sustainable energy for all.

An excellent program to help people both learn more about sustainability and understand how they can apply it in their own lives is through doing an Eco Audit™ for the congregation's facility. An Eco Audit is a high level energy and lifestyle CO₂ analysis program that helps individuals and organizations understand how they are using energy, where they are spending money, their carbon footprint totals, and their best ways to reduce it.

The program starts with collecting 12 months of utility data, vehicles and miles driven, and waste totals. A sustainability survey is included to rate where the congregation is in other areas such as waste/recycling, purchasing, and other sustainable practices. We then provide feedback and recommendations for saving money and becoming more sustainable.

Program Costs

There are two levels of eco-audits available from COIPL:

- The **Basic service** includes a printed report on energy usage, including informative graphs and charts, and recommendations of cost-effective ways to reduce energy usage and utility bills based on the analysis of your facility's energy usage. It is priced at \$399.
- The **Enhanced service** includes a facility walk-through by one of our commercial energy auditors, and a presentation to a group of the congregation's choosing -- Green Team, facilities or stewardship committee, church council, etc., plus twelve (12) months of tracking. It is priced at \$699.

A \$100 discount can be applied to either Eco Audit when the congregation compiles all required data from their utility bills and inputs it into the Eco Audit spreadsheet supplied by COIPL. Also, Rocky Mountain Synod congregations may apply for up to \$300 through the ["Green Grants" Program](#) to help defray the cost.

For more information, contact Betty of COIPL at 303-747-6950 or visit www.coipl.org .

Eco Audits can also be performed for individuals and as part of a Community Initiative.