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Space Still Open in Missoula Green Blocks Program

The City of Missoula and NorthWestern Energy still have room left in the spring session of their residential energy conservation program, the Green Blocks Pilot Project.

Green Blocks began with a first pilot project in 2008. It provided residential audits and energy conservation measures to 93 Missoula homes. The homes received an average of \$1,500 in energy efficiency upgrades at no cost to the residents.

In 2010, the partnership embarked on another round of the pilot project, this time engaging 300 homes. The fall effort treated 174 homes; this spring, the project will fill out the remaining spots. *Applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the program is filled.*

Participating homes receive thorough, professional energy audits from NorthWestern energy's audit contractor, followed by the installation of energy-saving items. Where needed and warranted, homes will also receive insulation.

The program also partners with Mountain Water, which provides water conservation audits, and with a numbers of private-sector partners in a Conservation Side Orders program.

Read about the program on the City of Missoula website at <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/index.aspx?NID=977>. For information on how to apply, contact Chase Jones, Missoula City-County Energy Grants Coordinator, by phone at 258-4908 or by e-mail at cjones@co.missoula.mt.us.

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