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# Your Town *News From Around the Rock* Talk



## Celebrate the Season of the Star

Soon, the Star atop the Rock will be lit, decorations will adorn Downtown, and our Town will shine for the holiday season.

The annual Starlighting is a tradition in Castle Rock, and this year, it will be the beginning of new memories. The Town, the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Alliance and Douglas County will host the Season of the Star event series.

Beginning with Starlighting on Nov. 21, Downtown will come alive with a new event every Saturday. Take a tour through charming Downtown on a carriage ride, or participate in story time with S'mores. Watch holiday movies, and enjoy community performances.

All events are free. See below for details or visit [CRgov.com/StarSeason](http://CRgov.com/StarSeason).

**Elf House Experience** 4-7 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 28-Jan. 2, Festival Park

Downtown Castle Rock will host an exhibit featuring "Selfies with Santa," and "The Elves Dressing Room." Bring the family and a camera. Take a selfie with Santa, or dress up like an elf. Holiday lights Downtown this year will only add to the cheer and photo opportunities.

**12 Stops of Christmas** 4-7 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 28 and Dec. 12, Downtown

Castle Rock is a generous community, so we know your giving list is long. Shop for everyone on your list with the 12 Stops of Christmas. Visit each business on the route to gather stamps and enter to win a prize package from the Chamber, Downtown Alliance and the Town. Plus, shopping locally helps fund needed services like fire, police, emergency medical, roadwork and more.

**Storytellers and S'mores** 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, Festival Park

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the season with an evening around a campfire, listening to stories and making S'mores. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and don't forget to dress for the weather.

**The Castle Rock Polar Express** 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, Festival Park

It's the traditional story, Castle Rock style. Enjoy a short train ride from the Douglas County Fairgrounds to Festival Park, which will be transformed into a North Pole celebration with Santa. The event will also include food, vendors and live entertainment.

**Christmas Eve candlelight services** 4 p.m. Christmas Eve, Festival Park

Join your community as several churches host various candlelight services.

**Downtown holiday movie – "Elf"** 4 p.m. Dec. 26, Downtown

This holiday movie will be displayed outside on a giant screen. Bring the family and warm clothes to wind down after the Christmas holiday.

**WinterFest** 4-7 p.m. Jan. 2, Festival Park

Ring in the New Year with a variety of activities including ice carving, a fun run, cyclocross race and other outdoor activities.

## Good to Know

Castle Rock is thriving. Because it's such a great place to live, more people are moving here. In planning for our community's future, Castle Rock is working to update the Town's Comprehensive Master Plan.

We want to hear from you. There are multiple ways to provide feedback:

- Comment on our Facebook page, [Facebook.com/CRgov](http://Facebook.com/CRgov)
- Complete an online survey at [CRgov.com/compplan](http://CRgov.com/compplan)
- Attend an open house on Nov. 7 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Recreation Center or from 2-4 p.m. at the MSAC
- Complete a comment form at [CRgov.com](http://CRgov.com) and return by mail or email. Visit [CRgov.com/compplan](http://CRgov.com/compplan).

Let's work together so Castle Rock will continue to be a top place to live.



**Starlighting is Nov. 21!** Mark your calendar for this annual tradition. Festivities begin at 2 p.m. The Starlighting ceremony begins at 5 p.m., with the lighting of the Star set for about 5:30 p.m. Visit [CastleRockCulture.com/Starlighting](http://CastleRockCulture.com/Starlighting) for all the details, including a full schedule, parking information and ways to volunteer.

# What to know when it snows

The season is changing, and a beautiful, snowy Castle Rock is in our future. When that snow hits, Castle Rock's team works around the clock, so you and emergency crews have safe access to Town roadways.

During snow events, main thoroughfares and school bus routes are the Town's main priority and are plowed for every snow event.

From Nov. 15 through March 15, when days are shorter and temperatures are cooler, residents can expect plows to clear one emergency-access lane on neighborhood streets when 4 inches of snow or more is expected to accumulate on the road. After March 15, the Town's threshold for plowing neighborhood streets is 8 inches of accumulation. (During snow events, follow the plows at [CRgov.com/plowtracker](http://CRgov.com/plowtracker).)

The Castle Rock Parks and Recreation department chips in too, removing snow from public properties, including paved trails, when snow reaches 2 inches of accumulation.

When it comes to ice, the Town has a huge ice-breaking machine and a plan. Busiest intersections are first, followed by streets pedestrians use most, such as school and walking routes. Then, as time and conditions allow, we head into neighborhoods.

As always, you can help minimize ice buildup in the streets by removing snow from sidewalks and driveways onto your lawn, providing a free water source for your landscape. Please remember to clear snow from your sidewalk within 48 hours.

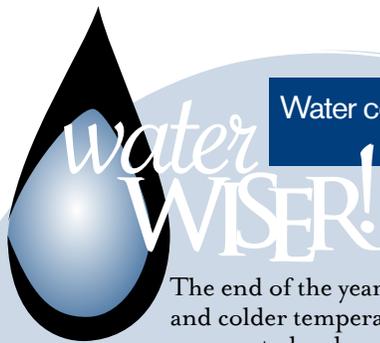
## CR Water named environmental leader

Preserving the environment and protecting our community's natural resources have always been a part of Castle Rock Water's long-term water plan. Now, the department is being recognized for those efforts by being named among the top environmental leader organizations in Colorado.

Castle Rock Water received the Silver Partners award from the Colorado Environmental Leadership Program. This award places the department among the top 160 environmentally conscious organizations in the state. These top organizations represent a variety of sectors, from manufacturers and agriculture to schools and service providers.

In addition to residents' commitment to water conservation, Castle Rock Water was recognized for more than 20 other positive impacts to the environment. Those efforts included helping collect more than 74 tons of hazardous materials through events like the Douglas County Household Chemical Roundup; the approximately 22 million gallons of water saved through conservation programs like the water budget rate structure; and the more than 60,000 pounds of paper products saved through programs like H2OAccess online billing.

Learn more about Castle Rock Water's environmental and conservation programs at [CRgov.com/water](http://CRgov.com/water).



Water conservation and efficiency tip  
[CRgov.com/waterwiser](http://CRgov.com/waterwiser)

The end of the year is quickly approaching, and colder temperatures are in the air. As you prepare to hunker down for the winter season, your landscape could also use some winterizing care. Winter watering can help protect trees during the colder season. Until it snows, trees may need water about once a month. Just make sure temperatures are above 40 degrees. It's also a good idea to wrap young, thin-barked trees with a paper tree wrap. Tree wraps can help protect the tree from weather damage. Also, remember to blow out irrigation systems. Water left in pipes or valves can freeze and damage the sprinkler system.

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Recreation Center	303-660-1036
The MAC	303-733-2222

## Events in Castle Rock

[CRgov.com/events](http://CRgov.com/events)

**Nov. 7: 23rd annual craft show benefiting the Castle Rock Senior Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**, Douglas County Events Center, 500 Fairgrounds Drive. The largest craft show in Douglas County is free and includes more than 150 vendors, a bake sale, a silent auction, door prizes and more.

**Nov. 7: Comprehensive Master Plan open house, 8-10 a.m.**, Recreation Center. Give input on the Town's Comprehensive Master Plan.

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**Nov. 11: Veterans Day Tribute, 11 a.m.-noon**, Veterans Monument Plaza, Third and Wilcox streets. The Douglas County Office of Veterans Affairs and the Douglas County Veterans Monument Foundation will host this tribute, including a special remembrance to honor all veterans.

**Nov. 12: Castle Rock Historical Society and Museum's monthly presentation, 6:45-8 p.m.** Refreshments are served at 6:45 p.m., and the presentation starts at 7 p.m. This time, hear from Nathan Boyles, who will speak on the Lamp Spring archaeological site near Chatfield Reservoir – the largest collection of Columbian mammoth bones in Colorado.

**Nov. 14: Tree lighting and Santa's arrival, 3 p.m.**, Outlets at Castle Rock.

**Nov. 17: Coffee with a Cop, 10-11 a.m.**, Lost Coffee West (near The Meadows). Get to know Castle Rock Police in a relaxed atmosphere.

**Nov. 21: Starlighting, 1-6 p.m. Downtown**, The annual lighting of the Star on top of the Rock is a tradition in Castle Rock. The celebration will include hot chocolate, booths, live entertainment and Santa. The Starlighting ceremony starts at 5 p.m., with the lighting of the Star around 5:30 p.m.

**Nov. 21: Rink at the Rock opens for the season.** Located at 414 N. Perry St., this rink adds to Castle Rock's charm. Learn more about events, classes and activities at the Rink at [rinkattherock.com](http://rinkattherock.com).

**Nov. 26: 11th annual Turkey Rock Trot, 8 a.m.**, This 5K family run benefits the Douglas/Elbert Task Force Food Bank. Serious runners have the option to be professionally timed. Bring a nonperishable food item to help replenish the Food Bank. Expo and registration start at 8 a.m.; race starts at 9:30 a.m.

**Nov. 28: Small Business Saturday.** Remember to shop local this holiday season.

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On the Web: **Outlook!**

Castle Rock is growing, and we know residents care about the future of this community. That's why we took the latest edition of Outlook magazine to examine Castle Rock today and explain some of plans for our community's thriving future. Read the publication online at [CRgov.com/outlook](http://CRgov.com/outlook).