



# DPU Scoop



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### TIPS AND PRACTICES TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF YOUR KITCHEN

- Clean: hood vent; refrigerator coils; light fixtures; HVAC vents; cooktop surface; oven; garbage disposal; dishwasher filter; seals on appliances
- Adjust water heater temperature to 120°.
- If you have a dishwasher, let it do the dishes for you...stop pre-rinsing.
- Eat the food in your fridge and pantry before it goes bad.
- Limit preheating time when using the oven.
- Replace other filters as needed.
- Fix leaking faucets and sink fixtures.
- Caulk and foam seal cracks and gaps where plumbing and piping fixtures go through floors and walls.
- Check the age and condition of your major appliances. Begin to research and budget for energy efficient replacements.



### Get to know the MOUNTAIN LION

Mountain lions are usually tawny- to light-cinnamon in color with black-tipped ears and tail. Adult cats can weigh from 80 to 150 pounds and measure eight feet long, with the tail included. Most active from dusk to dawn, lions eat deer; however, they also kill elk, porcupines, small mammals, livestock, and other domestic animals.

Historically the mountain lion has occupied all parts of Los Alamos

County. If you encounter a mountain lion, follow these quick tips:

- 1. Stay calm;**
- 2. Do not approach;**
- 3. Do not run;**
- 4. Do not crouch down or bend over;**
- 5. Do all you can to appear intimidating;**
- 6. If approaching you, start throwing things at it.**

To learn more about the mountain lion and living with other large predators, visit the NM Game & Fish website at [www.lacnm.com/NMGF](http://www.lacnm.com/NMGF).

## DO YOU RELY ON MEDICAL EQUIPMENT?

The DPU maintains a voluntary medical equipment alert program for customers who use life-sustaining, electrically powered, medical equipment for the preservation of health or life. This list helps us to identify individuals with special notification requirements of planned utility outages and assists us in prioritizing repairs for unplanned outages.

We attempt to provide special notification above normal notification procedures to registered community members when a planned power interruption is scheduled.

Although we work hard to maintain and improve the reliability of the electric system, we cannot guarantee that a power outage will never occur. It is the responsibility of the caregiver to have a backup system and/or a plan of action in the event of a power outage.

We ask that those who are registered re-enroll once a year so that we can keep the list current. After a year, customers who do not re-enroll are removed from the list.

If you would like to register yourself or a member of your household, please contact the Customer Care Center at (505) 662-8333 or [CustomerCare@lacnm.us](mailto:CustomerCare@lacnm.us), OR register online at [ladpu.com/medequip](http://ladpu.com/medequip).

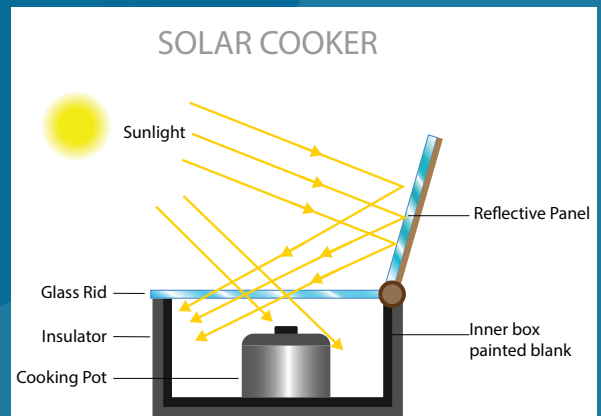


## Helio Big Year Solar Education: Solar Ovens

Solar ovens come in many shapes, sizes, and levels of complexity. From the DIY ovens made from boxes (check out [climatekids.nasa.gov/smores](http://climatekids.nasa.gov/smores)) to the parabolic cooker style with curved reflective surfaces, there is likely an ideal model for anyone looking to give it a go.

The idea is simple: reflect the sun and trap or concentrate the solar heat to cook the food. Temperature capabilities depend on the technology utilized and can range from 200°F-400°F.

While fun to play around with in the summer or on camping adventures, solar cooker technology is also important. As it continues to develop, it is assisting in the fight against hunger and water-borne diseases.



### Are you in need of utility assistance?

Please visit [ladpu.com/assist](http://ladpu.com/assist) for more information or to apply

Please consider contributing to the Utility Assistance Fund

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