



# DPU Scoop

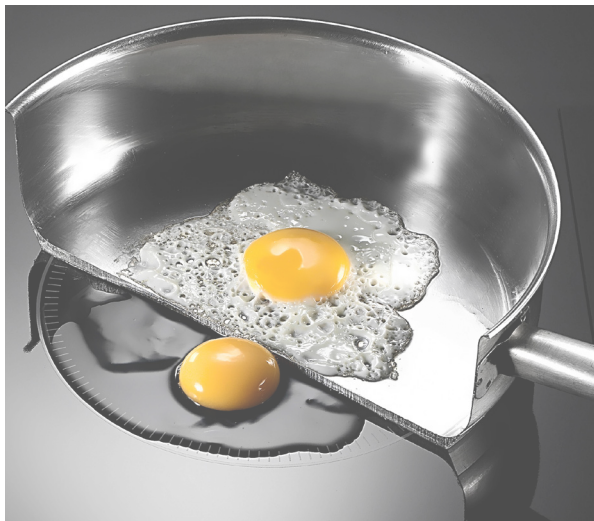


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## TEST DRIVE THE POWER OF INDUCTION

Curious about an alternative to natural gas or an upgrade to the standard electric cooktop? Induction cooking uses electromagnets to transfer energy directly to the pan placed on its surface, reducing cooktime and giving you more time to do other things you love.



### Induction Heating:

- is **more powerful** than gas stoves
- **directs 90% of induction heat** into your food by heating up the cookware and not the surrounding stove surface
- is **safer around pets and kids** since the heating element is never exposed while on
- has **better temperature control** allowing for a transition from a rolling boil to a simmer in seconds
- **reduces indoor air pollution** when compared to gas cooking
- will **run on clean energy** as your DPU works toward becoming a Carbon Neutral Power Provider

Borrow an induction cooktop kit today from either Los Alamos County public library branch or from DPU (sign up online at <https://ladpu.com/cooktop-signup>). This kit comes with a single burner portable cooktop, a skillet and utensils. It's great for those without a full kitchen or with a failing stove, and for those times that's it's simply too hot to cook with gas. Be sure to try it out if you are considering upgrading your electric stove or switching from a natural gas unit. Try cooking your favorite dishes on it before committing to this different tech!

## What about those rattlesnakes?

As seasonal climate conditions and recent local sightings indicate an increase in rattlesnake activity, the community is urged to be aware and follow these safety tips for avoiding snake encounters.

### While outdoors:

- Stay on trails and avoid tall weeds.
- Wear boots and long pants.
- Never reach into holes, under rocks or into brush.
- Keep pets leashed and away from snake-prone areas.
- Stay alert and be aware of where feet and hands are placed.
- Check the area carefully before sitting.
- Teach children to be cautious and never approach a snake.

### Encountering a rattlesnake:

- Remain calm and back away slowly.
- Do not attempt to handle, touch or provoke the snake.
- Alert other people to the snake's location.
- Keep children and pets away from the area.
- Contact Los Alamos County Animal Control by calling Police Dispatch at the non-emergency number, 505-662-8222.



For more information, contact Los Alamos County Animal Control at 505-662-8179, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To learn more about living with wildlife on the Pajarito Plateau, visit the County website at [www.lacnm.com/wildlife](http://www.lacnm.com/wildlife).

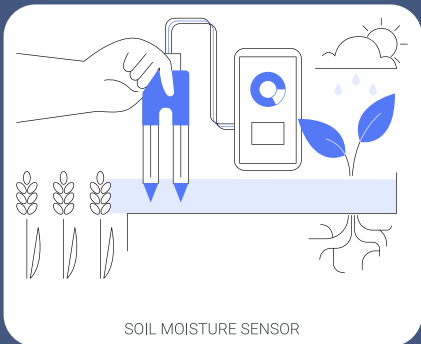
# IRRIGATION 101

Whether you are new to having an irrigation system or have a trusted team maintaining your landscaping, it's important to know the basics of a system to ensure it's functioning properly and efficiently.

New Mexico's Office of the State Engineer has an "Irrigation Basics: A Guide to Smart Water Use" brochure on their Water Use & Conservation webpage. Our shortcut to get there is on the web at [ladpu.com/OSEinfo](http://ladpu.com/OSEinfo).

Things to consider from this brochure:

- Is your landscaping hydrozoned or are you watering willy-nilly?
- Do you know the pieces and parts of your irrigation system? Do you have sprinklers, drip emitters, micro-sprayers, bubbler emitters, turf bubblers, subsurface emitters, soaker hoses?
- When did you or your landscaper last look at the setting of your system controller/timer? These should be adjusted each season to accommodate plant watering needs, temperatures, and wetter seasons. Don't forget to adjust them for time changes!
- Have you checked and cleaned parts such as emitters, sprinkler heads and filters?
- Do you have a moisture or weather sensor installed and if so, is it functioning?
- Have you signed up for Leak Alerts through DPU's Automated Meter Infrastructure portal to catch undetected leaks early? Sign up at [ladpu.com/Step1](http://ladpu.com/Step1).



You can easily spot our Department of Public Utilities crews working around town by their long-sleeved, button-up work shirts, which are designed for both safety and easy identification. Our pipeline crews will be in gray (some batches of shirts are slightly darker than others) and our electric crews will be in navy blue. If someone claims to be with our utility but isn't wearing the right uniform with the DPU logo on it, or if something simply feels off, don't hesitate to ask for identification or call our office at 505-662-8333 to verify.

Your safety is our top priority, and our uniforms help ensure you can trust the people working in your neighborhood. Please note that we have many staff members who don't wear uniforms or work in the field every day. However, if you see someone in a dark polo shirt with the DPU logo on it, that's probably a supervisor or a member of our engineering team.

## What do you think, Los Alamos?

When big things happen, this community has a lot to say and we're here to listen. We've set up an online Community Feedback Form so that you can let us know about your utility concerns anytime.



[ladpu.com/Feedback](http://ladpu.com/Feedback)

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