



# NSED C news

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## 2009 NSED C Fishermen's Fairs

NSED C hosted Fishermen's Fairs in Elim and Koyuk in July and in Nome in August. With the completion of this summer's fairs, NSED C has hosted a Fishermen's Fair in each of its 15 member communities and plans to continue rotating each year to host a second fair in each community.

This summer's fairs, as they have in the past, included activities such as sumo wrestling, a moon bounce, an obstacle course, a bungee basketball challenge, a fishpond, and a prize walk. In Elim and Koyuk NSED C served sandwiches from Subway in Nome and pizza from Peace on Earth in Unalakleet, fresh fruits and salads, and cakes prepared by Judy Kotongan of Unalakleet. Following the activities were door prizes, which included certificates to local vendors for groceries, gasoline, and

heating fuel, certificates for round-trip tickets and freight on regional airlines, and NSED C regalia.

At the Nome fair, the King Island dance group added a very special touch by opening the day's activities with a wonderful performance. The Nome Lions Club cooked hamburgers and hot-dogs and the Nome-Beltz wrestling team and their parents assisted with set-up, coordination of activities, serving food, and clean up.

There was a great turnout at each fair and NSED C staff enjoyed the time spent in our member communities. NSED C would like to express gratitude to those that have helped at each of the Fishermen's Fairs; they would not have been possible without you.

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One of the last touches of the *Pacific Glacier* restoration, putting into place the refurbished wheelhouse and new bridge deck. See article on pages 6-7.

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# 2009 Fishermen's Fairs



An Elim resident shows off his newly found muscles in one of the Sumo suits.



The Sumo wrestler on the left uses the belt grab technique to take down his opponent.



Residents of Koyuk line up for the prize walk. Instead of cakes, contestants win movies, games or sports equipment.



The Nome Fishermen's Fair began with a performance by the King Island Dancers.



Koyuk board member Elvina Naranjo takes part in the Bungee Basketball challenge.



Members of the Nome Wrestling team provided support during the Nome Fishermen's Fair.



Judy Kotongan of Unalakleet prepared the cakes for NSEDC's Fishermen's Fairs.



Elim kids listen to the safety rules and patiently wait for the Bungee Basketball equipment to inflate.



## COD COOK-OFF



At the Nome Fishermen's Fair NSEDC hosted a Cod Cook-off featuring cod from the Norton Sound Seafood Center. The idea for the cook-off came together a few days before the Nome Fair. A notice was posted on Nome Announce and by the day of the cook-off, thirty-two cod dishes had entered.

The dishes ranged from Cod Dogs (like hot dogs) to Alaskan Cod Rolls (similar to a fresh spring roll). It was apparent that a lot of thought went into each dish and the judges

had a great time judging. Cindy Wieler was the first person asked to judge but she did not think she could handle the spicy dishes. She offered her husband Jay Wieler in her place. The next judge selected was Joe Hayes, a visitor from Fairbanks. The need for a female judge remained; Julie Farley gladly accepted.

The dishes were evaluated based on presentation, use or emphasize of cod, and overall

taste. The judges ranked these categories from one to five, five being the highest score a dish could receive per category. Next time, judges will be encouraged to use decimals, as many of the dishes scored very closely. The top ranking dishes were:

- ***Sweet and Sour Cod*** made by Melanie Johnson for the first place prize of \$200
- ***A Little Italy in Nome*** made by Sue Steinacher for a second place prize of \$150
- ***Cajun Cod Po' Boy*** made by Brooke Browning also for a second place prize of \$150
- ***Dijonaise Cod*** made by Kim Galleher for another second place prize of \$150
- ***Alaska Cod Rolls*** made by Kim Knudsen for a third place prize of \$100

The winning dish will be featured as a special-of-the-day at Airport Pizza sometime in the near future. Please look for recipes in future NSEDC newsletters. NSEDC appreciates everyone's interest and participation and looks forward to hosting another Cod Cook-Off. Start testing those recipes! For inspiration, see the first place recipe shown on the next page.



These *Alaska Cod Rolls* submitted by Kim Knudsen took home 3rd prize.



From left to right, Jay Wieler, Julie Farley and Joe Hayes were randomly selected to judge NSEDC's first ever Cod Cook-off.

## FIRST PLACE RECIPE OF NOME FISHERMEN'S FAIR COD COOK-OFF

# Sweet and Sour Cod

*Entered by Melanie Johnson*

### Ingredients

3 pounds cod fillets, skinned and boned  
2 green peppers cut in 1 inch square pieces  
3 carrots sliced thin  
½ cup cornstarch  
oil for frying  
hot rice

**Directions:** Cube cod and shake with corn starch, fry until crisp. Set aside. Stirfry carrots and green peppers until crisp/tender, mix with fish and sweet and sour sauce. Serve over hot rice.

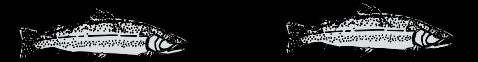
### Sweet and Sour sauce

1 ½ cup pineapple juice  
1 can crushed pineapple  
2 Tbs. brown sugar  
¼ cup cider vinegar

3 Tbs. cornstarch  
¼ cup water

**Directions:** Mix the first 4 ingredients and heat to boiling. Mix the cornstarch and water together add to pineapple mixture and stir until thickened.

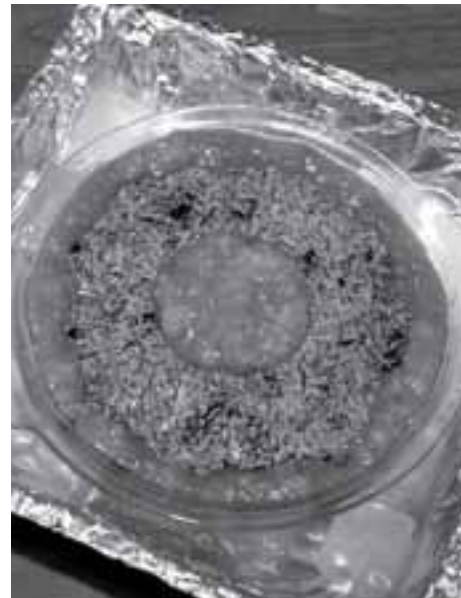
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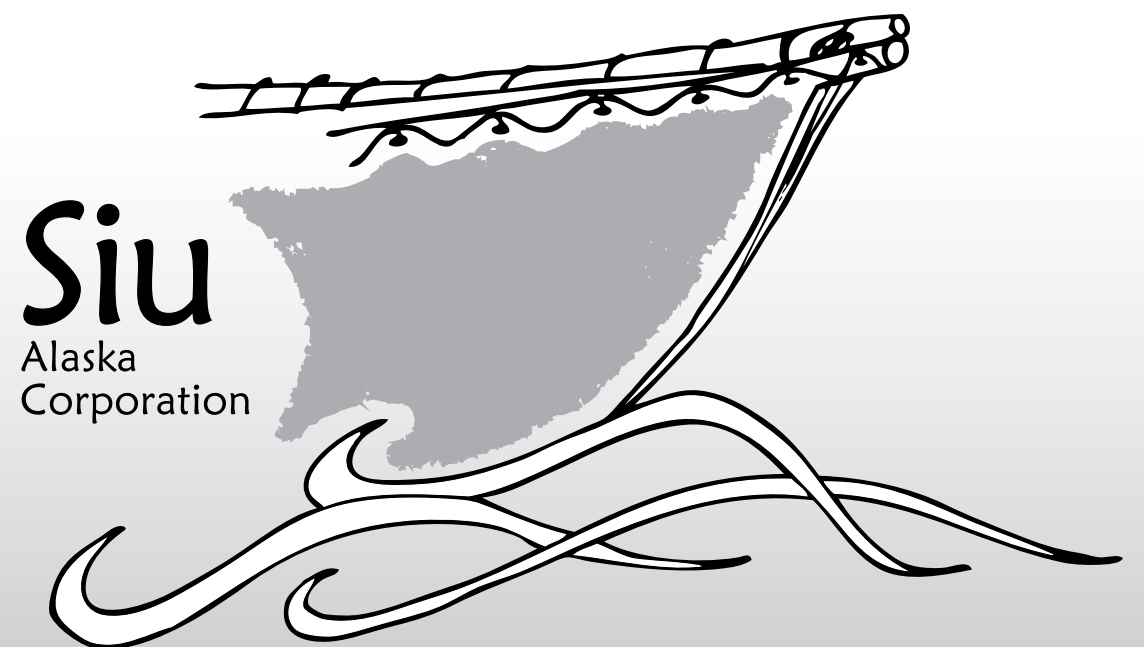
### Siu Alaska Corporation Logo Contest Winner

Submitted by Campbell Kristenson of Nome

*Thank you to all those who participated and submitted your designs!*



Cynthia Ahwinona's *Jachandar Cod Agutuk Pie* scored very well in presentation and taste and was the only dessert entered in the contest.





# The *F/T Pacific Glacier* – From Adversity Comes Opportunity

In the early evening hours of February 26th 2008, the *F/T Pacific Glacier*, with a crew of 106 men and women (including individuals from the Norton Sound Region) was fishing in the Bering Sea, 136 miles Northeast of Dutch Harbor. The vessel was performing normal harvesting and processing operations under calm conditions when a fire broke out in the laundry room, eventually spreading to two of her decks. After immediate contact with the Coast Guard and the response of more than a dozen other vessels in close proximity, the process of evacuating the crew and containing the fire began. For 12 hours, while facing the strong possibility of losing the entire vessel, many individuals worked together to bring the raging fire under control. They included crew from

the *Pacific Glacier*, her sister ship the *F/T Northern Glacier*, the *F/V American Beauty* which rafted to the *Pacific Glacier* during the entire ordeal, and other vessels offering fire fighting supplies, direct assistance and care for evacuated crew. In a dramatic testament to the courage and strength of the crew and those who assisted, not a single crew member was injured or touched the water.

Amazingly, the vessel with a remaining skeleton crew of 16, brought the vessel to Dutch Harbor under her own power.

In the weeks and months following the fire, feelings of shock, amazement and gratitude for the efforts of all involved transformed into renewed energy and enthusiasm for the possibilities of a rebuilt *F/T Pacific Glacier*.

While planning and executing a strategy to restore and improve the vessel from the damage, Glacier Fish Company's (Glacier) owners and managers agreed upon an ambitious plan to make a major acquisition of the *F/T Alaska Ocean*, the largest pollock factory trawler in the U.S. In the near term, the acquisition of *Alaska Ocean* provided a platform to harvest the quota and provide jobs and opportunities for the *Pacific Glacier* crew. The long term result would be optimal operating platforms, setting the stage for long term success.

In planning the vessel refit, the Glacier team recognized the opportunity to make long term profitable investments while critical vessel systems and areas of the hull and wheelhouse were torn down for repair. An ambitious plan for restoration, safety improvements, capacity increases and technology investments was prepared. Accordingly, from July 2008 until May 2009, a shipyard team including Todd Shipyards, Glacier Engineering and countless additional contractors coordinated closely to restore the damage but also to optimize the factory layout for maximum production and freezing, mechanical and technology system improvements and increases to the quality and number of crew accommodations. The result of the project is one of the most technically advanced and safe vessels of its size operating in the Bering Sea.

In May of 2009, after an open house to illustrate the dramatic restoration, the *F/T Pacific Glacier* returned to service completing a trip in the Pacific hake fishery before departing for the Pollock fishing B season in June. To date, the vessel is performing to Glacier specifications, providing tremendous flexibility in operations, to produce the highest quality products through a wide variety of fishing conditions.

The strength, courage and professionalism of each individual involved in this unpredictable event and throughout the rebuild is each a part of the successful result. The opportunity provided by the fire is once in a lifetime and demonstrates that at Glacier, adversity creates opportunity.



Wheelhouse being removed from the *F/T Pacific Glacier* at Todd Shipyards.



One of the last touches of the *Pacific Glacier* restoration; putting into place the refurbished wheelhouse and new bridge deck.



The bridge of the *Pacific Glacier* now possesses some of the latest technology.



*Pacific Glacier* receiving assistance from the Bering Sea Pollock fleet.



The completed *Pacific Glacier* ready to return to the Bering Sea.





**Paul Ivanoff III**  
*Community Benefits Director*

Former Community Development Coordinator Paul Ivanoff III has moved up the ranks to Community Benefits Director. As of September 16, 2009 Paul, aka Bebucks, will manage the Community Benefits Department and oversee all Community Benefits programs.

Paul graduated from Unalakleet's Covenant High School. From there, he attended the University of Alaska Anchorage where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Education. Before joining NSEDC in January of 2007, Paul held the position of Vocational Training Specialist at Kawerak, Inc. for ten years.

Paul was born and raised in Unalakleet. He is married to Anne Irsfeld and they are raising their two very entertaining children, 7 year old Alexandria and 4 year old Alukka in Unalakleet. In his off time Paul enjoys fishing, hunting and spending time with his family.

The reason Paul joined NSEDC? Paul said "I saw the good things NSEDC was doing in the region and I wanted to be a part of that team". He looks forward to working on existing programs and forging new ideas that can make a positive impact in our region. Congratulations to Bebucks on his promotion!



**Roy Ashenfelter**  
*CDQ Manager*

On September 8, 2009 NSEDC hired Nome resident Roy Ashenfelter as its Community Development Quota (CDQ) Manager. Roy's duties include management and oversight of all of NSEDC's CDQ activities including negotiations, reporting, monitoring and compliance with regulations. He will be working with John Zuck and Simon Kinneen as he transitions into his new position.

Roy was the Land Management Services Director at Kawerak, Inc. for twenty-one years prior to joining NSEDC. The CDQ Manager position offers Roy a new opportunity, yet still allows him to work for the communities in the Norton Sound region.

Roy grew up in White Mountain and at the time, in the 1970s, it was not unusual for smaller communities to be without a high

school. He left to attend junior/senior high school in Anchorage. After graduation, Roy attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks where he earned his Associates of Arts degree in Business Administration. He has also taken classes through the Anchorage Community College and Northwest Community College.

Roy and Loretta Bullard have been together for twenty-nine years and have two daughters, Loren and Anna. Roy moved to Nome in 1982. He enjoys living there because it offers employment and the opportunity to hunt, fish, camp and be close to family.

Roy looks forward to successfully managing NSEDC's CDQ and seeing the resources he helped secure provide direct benefits to the communities of the Norton Sound.

with various administrative tasks and steps in and gets the job done quickly.

Galsy was born and raised in White Mountain. She graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School in 2003. She has an Associates degree from the University of Alaska Anchorage and will complete an Educational Endorsement Certificate in Office Digital Media in December 2009.



**Yvonne Galsy Ashenfelter**  
*Community Benefits Specialist*

As of January 1, 2009, Yvonne Galsy Ashenfelter was hired as Community Benefits Specialist in the Community Benefits Department. Galsy was an Administrative Intern with NSEDC during the summer of 2006 and again in March 2007 until her hire date. As the Community Benefits Specialist, Galsy assists with programs and projects overseen by the Community Benefits Department. Galsy is also a great help



**Joel Cladouhos**  
*NSEDC Accountant*

NSEDC is happy to welcome new accountant Joel Cladouhos to the accounting department.

Prior to joining NSEDC, Joel was an auditor with Altman, Rogers and Co. Prior to that, he worked for the Institute of Rural Health, a grant-funded research department of Idaho State University. Before moving to Idaho, Joel did an internship with UBS Global Asset Management in Chicago and in 2002 he was a youth activities coordinator for the Nome Recreation Center.

Joel was born in Fairbanks and raised in Juneau where he graduated from Juneau

Douglas High School. He says, "I don't miss the rain, but I do miss the easy access to fishing."

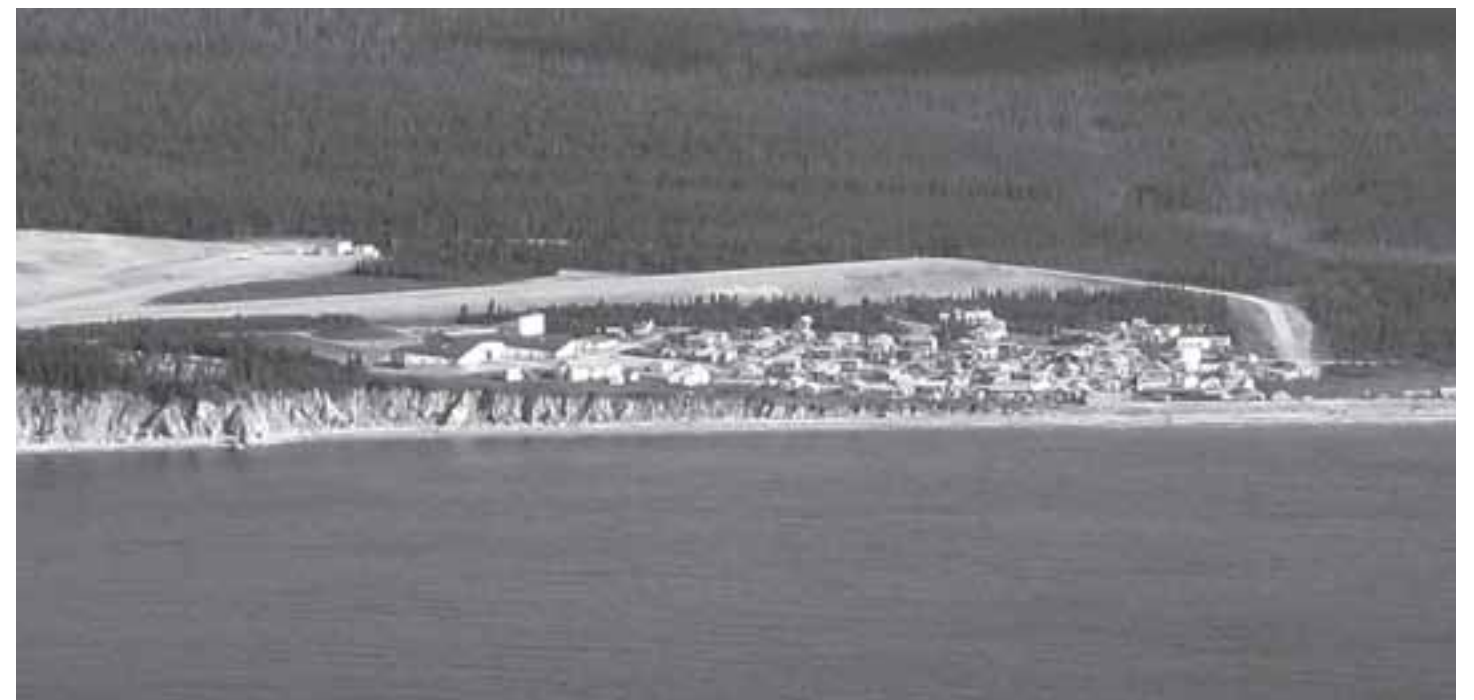
Joel has a Bachelors degree in Economics from Grinnell College in Iowa. He was offered a baseball scholarship there, and after watching "The Field of Dreams" decided there was no better place to play baseball than the middle of the Iowa corn fields. After graduating he returned to Alaska and lived in Nome for a year and a half before deciding to go back to school. In 2005 he graduated with a Masters of Business Administration in Capital Markets from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Greta, Joel's wife, is from Anchorage and also graduated from UAF. She is a speech pathologist for Alaska Speech and Hearing Clinic. Joel and Greta have two dogs, Fischer and Rossignol. Joel says "We treat them like our kids and they are good substitutes for now." They were adopted from the animal shelter in Fairbanks and are both born-to-run husky mixes; he guesses they did not make the cut to be sled dogs. They both have

successful careers as skijor dogs. In his free time, Joel enjoys most of the things that make Alaska such a great state: hiking, biking, camping, floating rivers, fishing, hunting, cross-country skiing, especially skijoring with their dogs - his sport of choice in the winter. He added that he's also been experimenting with bike-joring, roller-joring and run-joring in the summer.

What lead Joel to this position: "After spending a year in public accounting as an auditor I decided to make the jump into private accounting, ideally for a non-profit organization. NSEDC stood out as one of the most professional and best managed organizations I had the opportunity to work with as an auditor. I feel fortunate to be working here and appreciate how welcoming everyone has been."

Joel says he is excited to continue to learn about the region and NSEDC. He is looking forward to working with the people here, and hopes to contribute to the accounting department as well as to our collective mission of providing economic development to our member communities.



View of Elim taken while departing for the Koyuk Fisherman's Fair.

## SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT



**Amber Wilson**  
*Unalakleet*

My name is Amber Rose Wilson. I was born in Anchorage, but my home and my family are in Unalakleet. I've lived with my grandmother, Theresa Nanouk since I was thirteen. When I first moved to my grandma's there were 10 people in the household: my gram, sister Katie, uncle Arley, uncle Peter, cousins Justin, Rachel, Tami, and Jalen, aunt Jolene, and myself. I am the second oldest of five children, but since I lived with my grandma; I was treated as one of her young-

est. It was hectic but it created a pretty tight knit family.

My grandmother has always been supportive of my continued education and visits me here at school when she can. My aunt Jolene has been the Bilingual/Bicultural teacher in Unalakleet for about 15 years and has been an inspiration for me to go into the Education field. I know that I am meant to help people and I feel very strongly about education. I believe that everyone has a specialty in something and education is the beginning to everything.

Currently I am a senior in the Elementary Education program at UAA. I began college studying Psychology, but during my sophomore year I subbed at Unalakleet Schools and realized I really enjoyed teaching. I also had a great Chinese language teacher at Mt. Edgumbe High School, Mr. Stein. Although the subject was difficult, he made learning Chinese fun and extremely worthwhile. It seemed he knew all there was to know about the language and culture. He also knew enough about each student to work with

their needs and keep them caught up in class. When you find a teacher who is both knowledgeable and caring, you know their students are bound to learn a thing or two that will really change their lives forever.

Upon graduation, I plan on returning to Unalakleet and hopefully teaching somewhere between the 2nd and 5th grades: those were the grades that I found were most fun when growing up. Life is not very stressful and students are free to be themselves: creativity is still there. Rural Alaska needs good teachers that really care about their students and know their subjects well. I'm just hoping to meet the needs of all my future students, to stimulate and open their minds to what the world has to offer.

My advice to incoming freshmen is to study hard and don't get caught up in partying and procrastination. School really does pay off. Be sure to apply for financial aid on time, every time. Travel while you're young. Go out and see the world. Remember, we are an example to our future generations, always try to be the best person you can be.



**Jesse Blandford**  
*Nome*

Jesse Blandford was born and raised in Nome, Alaska. He has two brothers, Matt and Nathan and two sisters, Aggie and Christina. His parents Brian and Annie have lived in Nome for over thirty years.

Jesse has always known he would attend college and that wherever he went, he wanted to play basketball. Attending the University of

Alaska Anchorage keeps him close to home, provides a new and interesting atmosphere and most importantly allows him to continue playing basketball competitively.

Jesse's major is undeclared. He hopes, with exposure to a variety of subjects, he will narrow down a course of study that fulfills his overall goal; to pursue a career in sports, whether it is on the business side, coaching, or some other aspect.

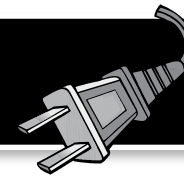
For aspiring college students, Jesse's advice is to find something you have a passion for and continue doing it. When it comes to college, don't be afraid of the cost or the work. There are a lot of organizations that are willing to help.

Jesse pointed out that he, and his siblings; Aggie, Matt, and Christina, have all received NSEDC scholarships. He is grateful to NSEDC for their support and financial assistance.



NSEDC proudly supports Norton Sound residents committed to furthering their education.

Applications for NSEDC scholarships can be found online at [www.nsedc.com](http://www.nsedc.com) or by calling (800) 385-3190.



## ENERGY SAVING TIPS

- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.
- Turn off lights in rooms no one is in.
- Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips – turn off power strips when equipment is not being used. Or simply unplug un-used electronics.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and laundry.
- Wash clothes in cold water using cold-water detergents.
- Clean the lint filter in the dryer after every load to improve air circulations and dry heavier loads in a separate load than lighter-weight clothes. Consider air drying clothes.
- Look for ENERGY STAR labels on home appliances and products. ENERGY STAR products meet strict efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Lower the thermostat on your water heater to 120°F and set house thermostats at 60°F.
- Set your thermostat to 60-65°F or install a programmable thermostat.
- During cold winter months, use a heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet on a frame or tape clear plastic film to the inside of your window frames. This reduces infiltration of cold air.
- Use a water filter to purify water instead of buying bottled water. Use a reusable water bottle, preferably aluminum rather than plastic.
- Invest in high-quality, long-lasting products. You might pay more now, but you'll be happy when you don't have to replace items frequently.



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