

Native Village of Port Lions Environmental Department Newsletter



This is just a reminder of what we are collecting here in the Environmental Department

- Aluminum Cans
- Lead Acid Batteries (Please notify when these get dropped off at the Tribal Building)
- Aerosol Cans
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Ink Cartridges
- Household Batteries
- Electronics
- All plastics
- Household Hazardous Waste
- All paper products including cardboard

You can drop off any of these items at the Recycling/Collection Center located in the Tribal parking lot during **NEW** business hours:

Monday-Friday

8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Amanda or Adrian:

907-454-2234

January—March 2008

Environmental Specialist



I first want to thank the community for the extra effort they are making in the process of recycling. We have noticed more community members who have begun helping us reach our goal of making less waste that goes in the landfill and also making our community a better place to live. Thank You!

We held a Village Environmental Committee meeting in February and I felt it was a huge success. If you have any Environmental concern and want it to be addressed, please feel free to contact the Environmental department and we will try our best to address it. One of the main components we will be working on is educating the younger students and getting them involved in our Environmental concerns.

Beginning this year, we will be holding more community clean-up days. What we would like to see is annual clean-ups on a few beaches around Port Lions as well as the graveyard. We anticipate on holding picnics on the day of each clean-up spot. We will inform you when we schedule these days and hope that you will participate.

As invasive species are becoming more and more an environmental threat, we are planning on holding community meetings to educate everyone on the potential risks they may pose on our land. We will let you know when we schedule these meetings.

As a reminder, we are holding an Earth Day poster contest. If your child is interested in participating, please let him/her stop by the environmental office to pick up a poster board. Those who turn in the poster board will receive one of our custom t-shirts. Winners of the poster contest are broken up into the following age groups:

K-3
4-6
7-8
9-12



The winner of each group with our custom logo on it. participating.

will receive a hooded sweatshirt Please let them consider

Sincerely,
Amanda Squartsoff
Environmental Specialist



The Causeway on a foggy Winter day

“As we continue to get more stockpiled, we will schedule more trips in to Kodiak. So if you have anything lying around that you no longer need, please stop by.”



The Causeway

Environmental Assistant



This first quarter has kept me relatively busy. In January, Amanda and I finished our Earth Day Poster Contest project, and we have handed out some poster boards to many students, to complete and compete in our contest. I took the Tribe's Truck in to Kodiak for a recyclables drop off to Threshold Recycling Service.

I have also completed a list for Underground Storage Tanks by calling all residents of Port Lions to get that information. In February, we sent in another load of recyclables to Threshold Recycling Service. I did not attend the Alaska Forum on the Environment Conference that was held in Anchorage, from February 11th through the 15th, due to personal reasons. Amanda, Brad Ames, Sara Squartsoff and I also had our first meeting for the Village Environmental Committee. In that meeting we discussed recycling, invasive plant species, the Village Response Team, Earth Day, the annual clean-up day, and a community outreach program.

For the month of March, Amanda and I will be working on some posters with information regarding woodstoves, invasive species, paralytic shellfish poisoning and energy saving tips, as a part of our community outreach program. We will be sending more recyclables into Kodiak as we continue to collect more from the community. Lastly, I will be contacting many different Steel Building companies to get quotes on steel buildings to replace our old recycle center.

Respectfully submitted
Adrian R. Francis
Environmental Assistant

REMINDERS:

1. This Spring/Summer Amanda and Adrian will begin removing refrigerants from the appliances at the car dump, so if you have any old appliance that you no longer need please drop-off at the car dump.
2. Please place lead acid batteries in the tote located next to the recycling shed as they are an environmental toxin.
3. We are in the process of completing a list of underground storage tanks, so if you have one or know of where there is one, please let Amanda or Adrian know.
4. Please do not throw out fluorescent light bulbs. Please bring them to the Tribal building so we can dispose of them properly.

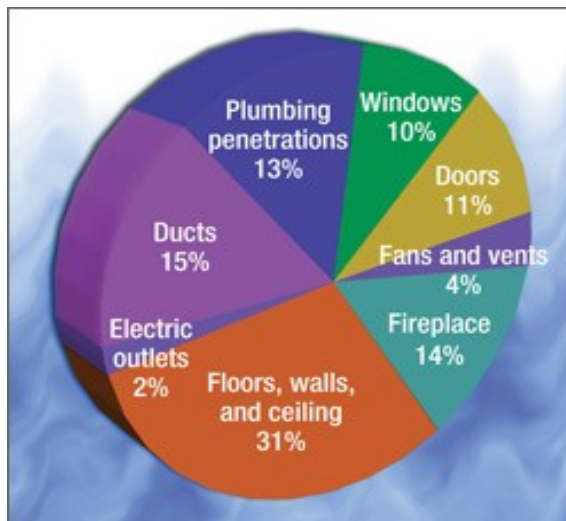
NOTICE TO ELDERS:

The Native Village of Port Lions Environmental Department is now offering a pick-up service of recyclables on a weekly basis when we are notified.

If you would like to use this service, please call the Environmental Department before Friday and we can set-up a time that works for you. Once again, we would like to thank the community on their participation in bettering our community, health and land.

HOW DOES THE AIR ESCAPE?

Air infiltrates into and out of your home through every hole, nook and cranny. About 1/3 of this air infiltrates through openings in your ceilings, walls, and floors.



WHAT IS A KILOWATT?

When you cook a pot of rice for 1 hour, you use 1000 watt-hours of electricity! One thousand watts-hours equals 1 kilowatt-hour or 1 kWh. Your utility bill usually shows what you are charged for the kilowatt-hours you use. The average residential rate is 8.3 cents per kWh. A typical US household consumes about 10,000 kWh per year, costing an average of \$830 annually.

The EnergyGuide label gives you two important pieces of information you can use to compare different brand and models when shopping for a new appliance.

- 1- Estimated energy consumption on a scale showing a range of similar models.
- 2- Estimated yearly operating cost based on the national average cost of electricity.

Information used from US Department of Energy: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: Energy Saver\$ Tips on Saving Energy and Money at Home, September 2005

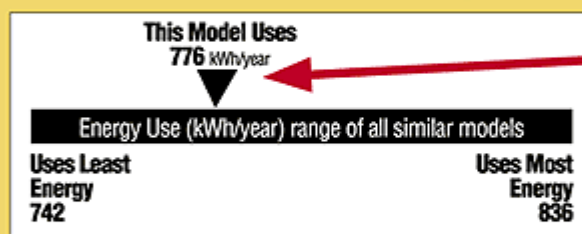
Based on standard U.S. Government tests

ENERGYGUIDE

Refrigerator-Freezer
With Automatic Defrost
With Side-Mounted Freezer
Without Through-the-Door-Ice Service

XYZ Corporation
Model ABC-W
Capacity: 23 Cubic Feet

Compare the Energy Use of this Refrigerator with Others before You Buy.



kWh/year (kilowatt-hours per year) is a measure of energy (electricity) use. Your utility company uses it to compute your bill. Only models with 22.5 to 24.4 cubic feet and the above features are used in this scale.

Refrigerators using more energy cost more to operate. This model's estimated yearly operating cost is:

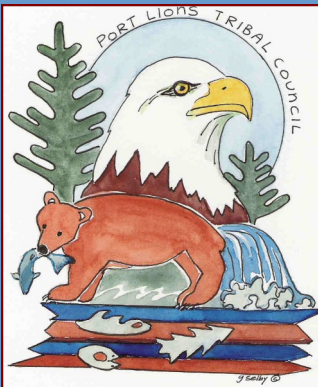
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Based on a 1995 U.S. Government national average cost of 8.4¢ per kWh for electricity. Your actual operating cost will vary depending on your local utility rates and your use of the product.

Important: Removal of this label before consumer purchase is a violation of Federal law (42 U.S.C. 8302).

Community Values

- Humor and Faith
- Strong infrastructure and resources
- Good strong working relationships
- Improved local education, jobs, training programs, and economic opportunities
- Maintain good health
- Community caring, trust, and respect
- Maintain rural status and accessibility
- Beautiful, healthy, clean environment
- Traditional way of life while encouraging progress
- Pride in our culture, heritage, history, and language



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Community Vision

We are a small, healthy rural community that is a safe place to live where our children enjoy growing, learning and want to stay. We enjoy the peace and challenges of our beautiful, clean environment, while maintaining a subsistence lifestyle, balanced with the modern changing world. We take pride in our history and cultures. We have sound economic infrastructures resource and education. We are a community where families and friendships flourish through caring, trust and mutual respect.

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