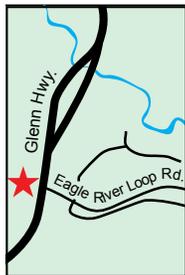


Household Hazardous Waste

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Drop-off services are FREE for households only (up to 40 lbs). A hazardous waste pick-up service is also available on a call-in basis. Call (907) 428-1742 for further information.

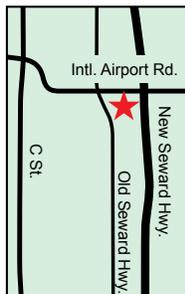


The Hazardous Waste Collection Center is located at the **Anchorage Regional Landfill**, at the intersection of the Glenn Highway and Hiland road, near Eagle River.

Hours of Operation:
 Tuesday through

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This facility accepts hazardous wastes from households and businesses.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is located at the **Central Transfer Station**, at the intersection of E. 54th and Juneau, east of the Old Seward Highway.



Hours of Operation:

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This facility accepts hazardous waste from households only.

Please note: Construction on the New Seward Highway is expected to begin soon. Look for changes in traffic patterns.

Drop off these household items:

- PAINT
- PAINT THINNERS
- GASOLINE
- BATTERIES
- FERTILIZER
- CLEANERS
- PESTICIDES
- HERBICIDES
- USED OIL
- ANTIFREEZE



Energy Efficiency...

Here are ten quick tips for reducing your energy costs through your appliances. Remember, regular cleaning and maintenance will keep your appliances running more efficiently.

Refrigerator: Vacuum the coils underneath and behind by pulling refrigerator out from the wall and taking off the bottom dust panel. Use narrowest vacuum attachment you have and gently suck up all the dust bunnies.

Freezer: Defrost your freezer by unplugging and removing all food. Pack food into coolers or, in winter, temporarily place it outside. Prop the freezer door open to let the ice melt, draining all the water before plugging it back in.

Oven: Only pre-heat oven for baking. Other cooking doesn't need precise temperatures so put food in immediately.

Stove: Cook with the lids on your pots to reduce cooking time and fuel or electricity use.

Dishwasher: Don't pre-rinse if you don't have to. Use cold water and scrape excess food before washing if needed. Use the gentlest cycle necessary and don't bother with the drying function – just open the door.



Washer: Use cold water and cold water detergent. Your clothes will get just as clean using less energy.

Dryer: Empty the lint trap every time you use the dryer. Check the ductwork once a season for dust buildup or blockage.

Boiler/Furnace: Have your system professionally serviced annually to ensure that it performs at its peak.

Water heater: Install an insulating blanket if it is warm to the touch. Buy a blanket at a hardware store and follow the packaging instructions. While you install it, turn off the water heater (if electric) or set it to the pilot setting (if gas).

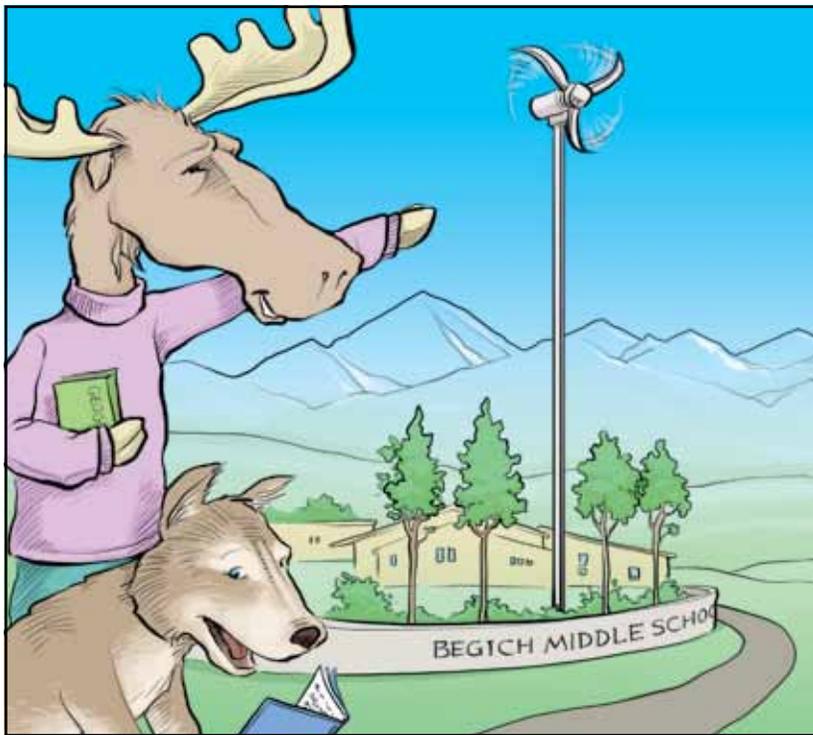
Thermostat: Install a programmable thermostat and set back your temperature by four degrees at night and up to eight degrees while you're away. If you don't have a programmable thermostat, try to remember to reset your temperature manually each day.



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Some energy efficiency issues can be tricky to diagnose and fix. ACHP offers free classes on topics such as evaluating your windows and doors, insulating for savings and comfort, and creating healthy indoor air through ventilation. Additional topics include making heating and hot water choices, finding and fixing air leaks, eliminating ice dams, understanding building science basics, and choosing a contractor. Visit the website for listings of free two-hour classes for residents. Class schedules are listed quarterly. Sign up for a monthly newsletter to be notified of class offerings, grant and rebate information, free forums, and helpful tips. Use the free "Ask an Expert" feature to get advice and check out the online store for helpful books about energy efficiency in homes.

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Anchorage School District's Resource Conservation Program

Energy costs are an enormous expense for the Anchorage School District (ASD), second only to personnel costs, and exceeding the cost of textbooks and supplies. Building on its established recycling program, ASD's Operations Department has added an energy conservation position to help tackle these increasing costs. Together, recycling and energy conservation are the cornerstones of a robust and successful Resource Conservation Program.

Through basic changes in operations, maintenance, and individual behavior, ASD expects to achieve substantial reductions in its energy use. Last school year, ASD realized more than a half million dollars in savings through conservation compared to the previous year's expenditures. Through the Resource Conservation Program, schools receive 25% of their energy savings back. The resulting payouts to schools ranged from \$38 to \$17,000. This program will help to institutionalize resource conservation at ASD and provide coordination of the various facility-based efforts.

Formalizing a leadership role for resource conservation will ensure dissemination of cost-saving measures to all facilities and will help to build partnerships across ASD with like-minded individuals and departments. Contact Paul Kapinos, ASD Energy Conservation Manager, at 348-5252, or Andre Camara, Recycling Coordinator, at 348-5151.



Wind Power at School

This winter, Begich Middle School became the first school in Anchorage to harness the power of wind. The "Alaska Wind For Schools" program, which provided the \$40,000 grant to make it happen, is a U.S. Department of Energy program run jointly in Alaska by the Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP) and the Alaska Center for Energy and Power. Begich is the sixth school in Alaska to get a wind turbine. The next school on the list to get a turbine is Polaris.

The 70-foot turbine will generate roughly 2.4 kilowatts of power. With a 12-mile-per-hour wind, that's about 400 kilowatt hours per month. It's not enough to make much of a dent in the school's electric bill, but the project is more about getting kids to think about renewable resources.



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