

DPU Scoop



IN THIS EDITION

- Bathroom Efficiency Tips
- Prevent Conflicts with Raccoons
- Essay Contest for Youth Leadership Camp
- FY2023 DPU Annual Report
- Helio Big Year Solar Education

HOW TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF YOUR BATHROOM

CONSERVATION

- Clean: exhaust fans; light fixtures; fixture heads; drains. Silica is the most common offender of build-up.
- Adjust water heater temperature to 120°.
- Phase in LEDs to replace hotter bulbs.
- Fix leaking faucets and fixtures.
- Listen to your bathroom and perform the 10-minute leak detection test.
- Caulk and foam seal cracks and gaps where plumbing and piping fixtures go through floors and walls.
- Investigate your toilet(s) and replace with low-flow models, if you haven't already.
- Some toilets are not designed for low-flow modifications such as bricks and flow bags. If your plunger gets a lot of use, your toilet might need to flush with the amount of water for which it was designed.



March 18-24, 2024
Fix a Leak Week

EPA WaterSense



Preventing conflicts between people and RACCOONS...

Don't feed raccoons. If fed, they may become aggressive, even biting or scratching.

Keep garbage out of reach. Raccoons are very intelligent and will find ways to get into garbage. Secure garbage with a locking/clamping lid, rope, chains, bungee cords, or weights. On trash day, put the can out in the morning, as raccoons are nocturnal.

Do not leave pet food out. Feed dogs and cats indoors. If not possible, feed outdoor pets in the late morning/early afternoon. Always pick up food, water bowls, leftovers, and spilled food each day before dusk.

Keep pets indoors at night.

Raccoons will attack dogs or cats if they feel threatened by them, and bites can cause disease or injury.

Keep pet doors secure. To reduce the attraction of a pet door, never place the pet's food or water near the inside of the door. Pet doors should always be locked at night.

Keep compost secure. Do not put food in a compost pile, rather, put it in a secure, raccoon-proof compost container or a closed structure. This keeps the raccoons from feeding, but it also keeps the compost free of droppings.

Clean up after barbecues. Always clean grills, grease traps, and the area immediately after cooking.

To learn more about the raccoon and living with other wildlife, visit the NM Game & Fish website at www.lacnm.com/NMGF.

ATTN: SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

The DPU is once again holding an essay contest for high school students who would like to attend

the ICUA Youth Rally,

a summer leadership camp and rally in Idaho!

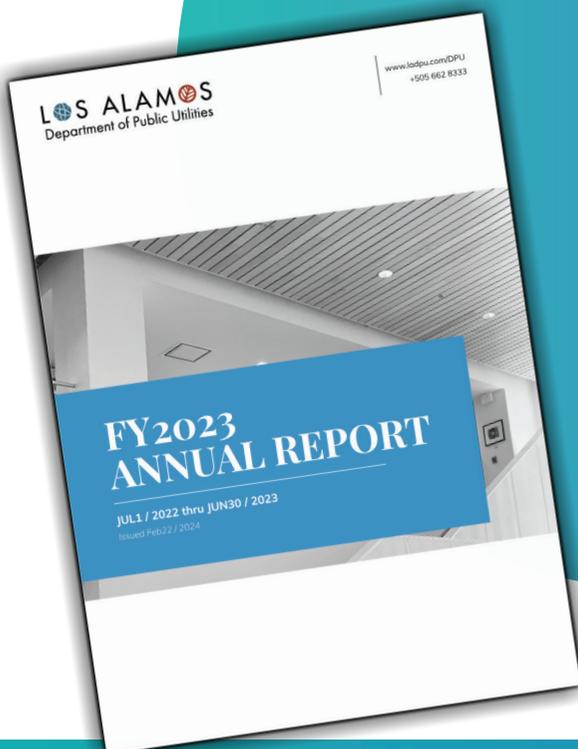
Through the essay contest, one Los Alamos student may be awarded a sponsorship to attend the event.

For more information, visit
ladpu.com/YouthRally.



FISCAL YEAR 2023 DEPT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ANNUAL REPORT

Read it online at ladpu.com/FY2023AR



FOLLOW US!

Stay in the know on all things DPU by following us on social media

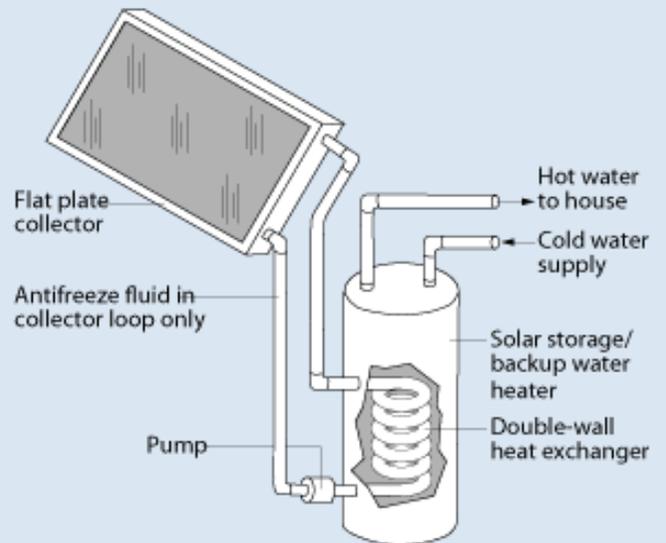


Helio Big Year Solar Education:

Solar Water Heaters

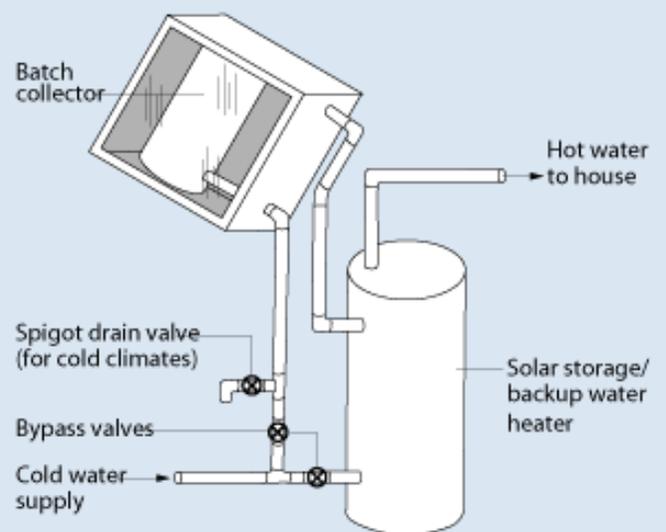
Solar water heaters can be a cost-effective way to heat water, especially since this system can be used in any climate, capitalizing the sun as the fuel source.

Active, Closed Loop Solar Water Heater



The basic components of a solar water heater system include storage tanks and solar collectors. Active systems have additional circulating pumps and controls, and passive systems do not.

Passive, Batch Solar Water Heater



Learn more at
energy.gov/energysaver/solar-water-heaters

LOS ALAMOS
Department of Public Utilities

ladpu.com/DPU