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PROTECTING YOUR HEALTH AND SAVING MONEY WHEN BURNING WOOD

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Build a Modular Wood Shed

“Wet Wood is a Waste” PSA (public service announcements) explains how to use a simple moisture meter to test wood to see if it is dry enough to burn. Moisture meters are available in all sizes and can cost as little as \$20. Properly dried wood should have a reading of 20% or less. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jM2WGgRcnm0> “Split, Stack, Cover, Store” PSA provides four easy steps on how to dry wood for proper use in wood stoves or fireplac-

es. They are:

- **Split** wood to a variety of sizes but no larger than a six-inch wedge
- **Stack** wood away from a building and off the ground on a pallet with split side down to promote drying
- **Cover** the top of wood with a tarp or woodshed
- **Store:** Allow time for the wood to dry. This can be 6-12 months, depending on the type of wood.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yol--Zrh11s>

Here are two short videos.

In the winter, residential wood smoke can be a significant

source of fine particle pollution in many areas across the U.S. The pollutant can trigger asthma, aggravate other lung diseases such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and people with certain health conditions, such as obesity or diabetes, also may be at increased risk. (COPD) and aggravate heart disease. Research indicates that pregnant women, newborns.



EARTH DAY! APRIL 22ND



Come and join us at the Community Center! We are planning fun filled events focusing on environmental awareness. Some activities planned are:

- ⇒ Luncheon
- ⇒ Making eco-friendly cleaning products
- ⇒ We will be present-

- ⇒ ing a short video on “The Story of Stuff”
- ⇒ Presentation by Kachemak Research Reserve
- ⇒ Port Graham students presenting on Environmental Education
- ⇒ Door Prizes will be given but you must be present to win!! Please look

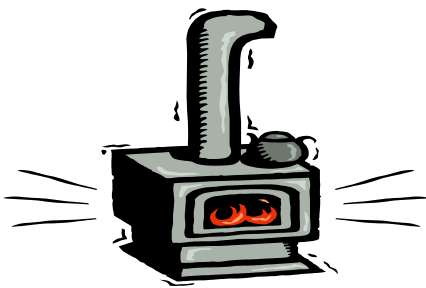
for flyers for updates on EARTH DAY!!



Tickets for Door Prizes!! P.G. General Store, Variety Store, and Corporation Donations.
GRAND PRIZE: 1 Roundtrip ticket with Homer Air and Smokey Bay Air!! (MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)

WOOD SMOKE AND ASTHMA

Smoke from wood-burning stoves and fireplaces contain a mixture of harmful gases and small particles. Breathing these small particles can cause asthma attacks and severe bronchitis, aggravate heart and lung disease and may increase the likelihood of respiratory illnesses. If you're using a wood stove or fireplace and smell smoke in your home, it probably isn't working as it should.



ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

- To help reduce smoke, make sure to burn dry wood that has been split, stacked, covered and stored for at least 6 months.
 - Have your stove and chimney inspected every year by a certified professional to make sure there are no gaps, cracks, unwanted drafts or to remove dangerous creosote build-up.
- *If possible, replace your old wood stove with a new, cleaner heating appliance. Newer wood stoves are at least 50% more efficient and pollute 70% less than older models. This can help make your home healthier and safer and help cut fuel costs.






ASTHMA TRIGGERS GAIN CONTROL OF WOOD SMOKE

Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendar's!

March 2013

April 2013

May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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March 28, EHC Meeting/Tobacco Prevention and Control Program's (4:30-7:15)

April: 15th Through the 19th RECYCLE YOUR OLD ELECTRONICS

April: 22nd Earth Day Event

May: Asthma Awareness Month, Look for Updates/Flyer's for Scheduled Events.

May: 17th Annual Village Clean-Up (10-1)



EHC MEETING / TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Schedule: As follows

4:30 - 5:00 Welcome reception with Introductions

5:00 - 5:30 Potluck Dinner.

5:30 - 6:15 Power Point Presentation with Trudy &

Larry be giving an overview of the State program.

6:15 - 7:00 Q & A

7:00 - 7:15 Door prize drawings

Presentation by: Chugachmiut Trudy Valenza and Larry K.



VIOLET'S REPORT

Camai Paluwik,

I am hopeful that everyone is enjoying these long winter days!! On a "lighter" note, the days are getting longer (gaining 6 minutes a day, which is about 1hr a week), which tells me; spring is just right around the corner.

The PGVC Environmental Program has been busy submitting grants and attending trainings this past quarter for FY13. Newly hired Rita Meganack and I attended the Alaska Forum on the Environment conference in Anchorage this past February. Many of the breakout sessions focused on Environmental issues statewide. This is the second largest conference in Alaska, with about 1200 participants in attendance. We were very busy attending sessions on Solid Waste, Climate Change to name a few of the sessions we attended. The Alaska Forum on the Environment Conference celebrated its 13th year, which is attended by Tribes around

Alaska and lower 48, Federal Agencies and Industries around the state. The focus is to promote effective cooperation, communication and education on environmental issues around the State. It provided the groups participating and excellent opportunity to exchange ideas and information.

On a more local note, we continue to monitor the separation of #1 & #2 plastics, aluminum cans, household batteries, electronic waste and used oil. All of the designated areas for this sort of waste is clearly marked and is located in between the two trailers at the dumpsite. I would personally like to thank everyone that has taken the extra effort to place their separated waste in the proper designated areas. It is greatly appreciated and this really creates pride in our community.

We have many great activities planned for this spring, such as hosting the Tobacco Prevention event on March 28th with Chugachmiut and the State of Alaska (Flyers will be posted for dates & times). We are also hosting an

Earth Day Event on April 22nd. We have some great events planned out with good food and great door prizes (2 round trip tickets!!). You must be present to win. So we hope you enjoy the events we have planned for the next couple of months. Happy Spring to you all and our doors are always open. Your ideas on how we can improve our program are always welcome so please do not hesitate to give us a call or stop by. Quyanah!



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DIRECTIONS

There are 8 Hazards in this room. Can you find them? X or Circle them, to make this house safe.