



Beat the summer heat...and save

If you're thinking of a way to 'stay cool' this summer, there's still lots of time to take advantage of MECO's money-saving coupons.

The coupons are good for purchases of qualified energy efficient window, portable or through the wall air conditioners that are **Energy Star** qualified.



Energy Star air conditioners exceed federal efficiency standards by at least 10%. Units under 20,000 BTUs must have an Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER) of 10.7 or higher to be **Energy Star** qualified, while units over 20,000 BTU must have an EER of 9.4 or better.

You can save up to \$60 by using the rebate coupons - a combination of a \$40 MECO coupon and a \$20 coupon from participating vendors, **Hamai Appliance**, **Sears**, and **A/C Warehouse**. If you can't find the coupons that were included with your May electric bill, go to the website at www.heco.com and click on Special Offers for MECO or call **871-8461**. Rebate coupons and additional copies of the "Guide to Efficient Air Conditioning," included in your electric bill this month, are also available at many retail stores. The offer is open to any MECO residential or commercial customer and is **valid through September 30, 2002**.

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'Fannie Mae' promotes energy efficiency

To help mainstream energy efficient products and practices, MECO invited **Michelle Desiderio**, a representative of the largest secondary mortgage lender, **Fannie Mae**, to come to Maui to talk with realtors, lenders, developers and government leaders about the economic benefits of energy efficient homes and requirements for underwriting energy efficient loans. How does this help our customers? These are the professionals who can help bring energy efficiency to your home by including solar water heating in their mortgage financing.



MECO President, Ed Reinhardt, and Maui County Mayor, James "Kimo" Apana, welcome Fannie Mae representative, Michelle Desiderio, to the 'Building Energy Efficiency through Partnerships' dinner.

Desiderio's visit was highlighted at a dinner honoring builders and developers who were first to incorporate energy efficiency into their projects:

- **3D Builders and Design, the first builder to include solar water heating as a standard feature**
- **SCD International's Olena at Kahalani, the first all-solar development**
- **Town Brown Development's Ke Alii Kai, first qualified Energy Star development**
- **Betsill Brothers Construction's The Villas at Kenolio, a qualified Energy Star development**
- **Dowling Company's Kulamalu, first subdivision to require solar water heating in covenants, codes and restrictions**

The dinner's keynote speaker, Mayor James "Kimo" Apana took the opportunity to encourage support for his zero-interest solar financing initiative currently before the County Council. If approved, this financing will make solar water heating available to more homeowners. For more information, call MECO at **871-8461**.



Graduates: Hang on to your memories



It's graduation time again...a time for giving gifts, lei and colorful balloons. MECO asks for your support during this graduation season and throughout the year to help avoid power outages caused by mylar balloons in power lines. Here are some things you can do to help us keep the lights on:

- Talk to family and friends about the problems mylar balloons can cause
- Check to be sure a small weight is attached to the end of the ribbon or string that holds the balloons
- Think about giving alternative gifts — leis, flowers, stuffed animals, gift certificates, stick balloons
- No matter what the celebration - graduation, birthday, wedding or an anniversary - encourage your balloon recipients to "hang on to their memories" to ensure a **brighter** occasion for all.



Bill payment help available in June

During June, the State's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program will be offering customers with household income and assets below a certain threshold a **one-time credit** against their electric bill.

To apply, **take your current original electric bill (no copies please)** during the period of **June 3 through June 28** to one of these Maui Economic Opportunity offices:

Maui	249-2970
Maui (Hana)	248-8282
Molokai	553-3216
Lanai	565-6665



New hours for the Molokai Division

Effective June 3, business hours for the Kaunakakai office will be 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office will be closed between noon and 1:00 p.m.



Make your dream home a reality



MECO, American Savings and Graham Builders will present another series of seminars to help you choose a builder and learn about energy saving and financing options. The next three seminars will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the next three months — **June 19, July 17, August 21** — in the MECO Auditorium, 210 West Kamehameha Avenue. To register or get more information, call **Graham Builders** at **871-2806** or **MECO** at **872-3247**.



Mango Salsa

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



- 1 firm-ripe mango, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 cup chopped green onion
- 1 hot chili pepper, seeded and minced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lime rind
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Combine all ingredients; chill. Makes 3 cups. Serve with fish, poultry or meat.

