



Add **Lahainaluna High** to the growing list of public schools receiving solar electric power thanks to our *Sun Power for Schools* program. Unlike Molokai and Baldwin High, which received one-kilowatt rooftop photovoltaic (PV) systems, Lahainaluna will receive a PV-powered security lighting system for its campus. The PV lighting system, expected to be installed this fall, not only provides a practical benefit, but also gives students and teachers a chance to see this renewable energy technology at work first-hand.

Thanks to a Million Solar Roofs grant, MECO is also working with the State Department of Education to help develop educational material that can be used with the data collected by the PV systems.

Lahainaluna will be the 13th school in Hawaii to receive a Sun Power for Schools PV system. **You can help more schools participate.** Sign up to pay as little as \$1 more each month with your electric bill and your contributions will help fund PV projects for more Maui County schools. **To sign up as partner, just fill out the postage paid reply card and drop it in the mail.** It's that easy.



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MECO contributed \$20,000 to help pay for some PV systems at schools. We also provide technical services to install and maintain the systems, as well as program administrative and marketing services. But your contributions will allow more schools to benefit. **Won't you sign up today?** For more information, call 871-8461.

Y2K Update: Electric system is Y2K ready

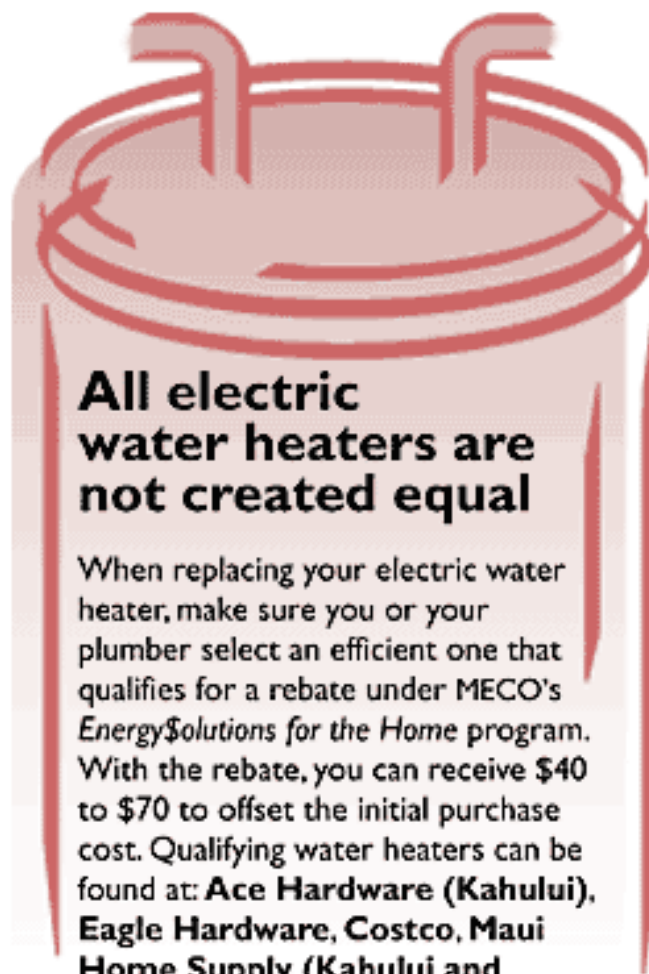
Maui County's electric system is "Y2K ready."

While no utility can ever guarantee 100% reliability, we are pleased to tell customers that **we've completed the Y2K work in our power plants and on the facilities that deliver power to our customers.**

Even in the unlikely event of a Y2K problem, we have extensive contingency plans in place to respond. These plans include:

- The ability to control and dispatch power manually, if necessary.
- Additional power plant operators, trouble crews, system operations computer technicians, customer service, corporate communications and other personnel on duty around the clock during the New Year's weekend.
- Additional generating units on line to provide extra ready-reserve capacity.
- Increased inventories of fuel and other supplies

This is a Year 2000 Readiness Disclosure



All electric water heaters are not created equal

When replacing your electric water heater, make sure you or your plumber select an efficient one that qualifies for a rebate under MECO's *Energy\$olutions for the Home* program. With the rebate, you can receive \$40 to \$70 to offset the initial purchase cost. Qualifying water heaters can be found at: **Ace Hardware (Kahului), Eagle Hardware, Costco, Maui Home Supply (Kahului and Lahaina), and Sears.** Your plumber may also be able to obtain a qualifying heater at other locations.

Maui businesses win energy awards

MECO salutes the winners of our 1999 Energy Efficiency Awards. The awards recognize Maui County businesses that have shown innovation in utilizing MECO's *Energy\$olutions for Business* program to install energy efficient technologies.

Grand prize winner Lahaina Foodland took advantage of a variety of energy saving facilities including a state-of-the-art refrigeration system that produces hot water and controls humidity to keep food fresh longer. The store also features efficient lighting including dimmers, timers, and a solar powered sky lighting system.

Our hats off to Lahaina Foodland for being a model for energy efficiency in the building industry. Congratulations also to our other award winners: **The Kihei Community Center, Maui Community College, and Kauhale Makai** condominium.



Pay at Foodland

Just a reminder that Foodland and Sack N Save stores on Maui will be accepting MECO electric bill payments. While doing your grocery shopping, just stop by the Customer Service counter and pay your MECO bill. Foodland charges a 75 cents handling fee. And don't forget to allow at least three working days for your bill payment to be credited to your electric account.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Creole Roasted Turkey

- 10 to 12 lb. turkey
- 1 lb. unsalted butter
- 1-1/4 cup each minced ginger root, garlic and onion
- 1 tablespoon Creole seasoning
- 1 teaspoon minced Hawaiian red peppers
- 1 teaspoon salt

Preheat electric oven to 400°F. Rinse and drain turkey. Combine the remaining ingredients. Place butter mixture under skin of breast, inner thigh, and drumsticks, and in turkey cavity. Place turkey in a deep roasting pan; roast for 15 to 20 minutes. Lower oven temperature to 350°F. Cover turkey and continue to roast for 3 to 3-1/2 hours or until done. Makes 8 to 12 servings.

