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Solar Ovens – From Lafayette

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MacKenzie’s volunteers have been spending their Sundays working in Trust in Education’s warehouse. “The ovens are almost complete,” said MacKenzie, “the team still needs some handy volunteers.”

Howell believes that solar ovens are a great solution in many different environments. According to Sperling’s “Best Places to Live,” there are 262 sunny days per year in Lafayette, so solar ovens can be used 72% of the time, saving on gas and/or electricity. They are lightweight units perfect for outdoor and emergency cooking. In developing countries they are an inexpensive solution to the serious problem of indoor air pollution that some areas are crippled with – according to the World Bank, indoor air pollution ranks eighth globally among health risk factors, and fourth in developing countries (indoor air pollution is due to the use of low-cost, widely available traditional energy sources such as coal and bio-mass for cooking and home heating.)

The original book, “Cooking with the Sun,” by Beth and Dan Halacy, is out of print. Interested individuals can buy a solar cooker how-to booklet on the Morning Sun Press website at //home.ix.netcom.com/~jdhowell/ (go to Morning Sun Press Products).



Jack Howell (right)



The frame of the solar stovetop is made of cardboard
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