Icehouses by L. Thomas

Ice houses were used for many years. Ice houses were used for storing ice throughout the year kind of like a refrigerator. Some were built under ground, usually man-made and a lot of them were built really different. First the workers would cut ice from lakes and rivers.



Then the ice would be taken to the

ice house and packed in insulation, often straw or sawdust. It would sit in there for many months then the next summer it would be a source of ice. The ice would would be



used for many things like food resources, ice cream, sorbet, and cold drinks. There

are different names for ice houses like ice pits, ice mounds and ice wells.

All of these pictures show early ice houses around Culver. I got these from the Culver Museum website. This website really helped for this project.

