

Huge Ice Cubes

In the past, people had no freezers in their homes. They had to get ice from a lake. When the lake froze, workers called icemen cut huge cubes of ice from it. Horses helped the icemen to get the huge cubes.

Next, the icemen would cut a path through the ice. They used the path to float the huge cubes to a huge ice house on the shore. It was hard work, but the icemen were used to it.

The ice house was huge. Icemen made huge stacks of cubes. They packed the huge cubes with sawdust or straw. This helped to keep the huge cubes cold for a long, long time.

When the hot summer came, the huge cubes were cut into smaller cubes. Then a man with a cart and a mule took the cubes to sell in town. This was how people got their ice!