



Wood Smoke Reduction Program



Why Change Out My Wood-Burning Fireplace or Stove?

Wood smoke contains soot, particulate matter (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀), dioxins, carbon dioxide, and volatile organic compounds. Breathing wood smoke can reduce lung function, aggravate heart and lung diseases, and trigger asthma. Wood smoke from fireplaces and stoves accounts for about 32 percent of wintertime PM_{2.5} in our county. Help reduce particulate matter in our county and negative neighborhood impacts by replacing or removing your wood-burning stove or fireplace.

Incentive Funding

Qualified applicants will receive incentive funding in the amount of \$500 to remove an existing wood-burning device or \$1,000 to replace an existing wood-burning device.

Qualified Devices

Qualified Wood-Burning Devices to be Removed or Replaced:

- Operable Woodstoves (Conventional, Catalytic, Non-Catalytic, and Pellet)
- Operable Wood-Burning Fireplaces (Open Hearth and Fireplace Insert)

Qualified Devices for Replacement Project:

- Natural Gas or Propane Fireplace Inserts*
- Natural Gas or Propane Free-Standing Heating Stoves*
- Electric Heat Pumps

**The new device must be heater-rated and comply with the American National Standard ANSI Z21.88/CSA 2.33 (Vented Gas Fireplace Heaters)*

Incentive funding **will not** be awarded to install the following devices:

- EPA-certified woodstoves
- Electric fireplaces
- Ethanol fireplaces
- Gas logs (for decorative purposes)

More Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I complete the project myself?

A: No, the project must be completed by a licensed State of California contractor. The contractor must then complete the “Contractor Statement” on the Voucher.

Q: Can I apply for incentive funding retroactively?

A: No, you can’t apply for funding retroactively. The project must not be started until you receive a Voucher.

How to Get Started

1. Apply for a Voucher – Read the program description and confirm your eligibility. Visit www.OurAir.org/heatclean/ to access the Voucher Application and other required forms online, or obtain the forms in person at our office.

What do I need to apply for a voucher?

- Completed Voucher Application Form
- Removal/Replacement Project Quote
- Before-Project Photos
- Completed W-9 form
- Completed CA-590 form

Submit the above materials to the District via mail (Wood Smoke Reduction Program, 260 N. San Antonio Road, Suite A, Santa Barbara, CA, 93110), email (heatclean@sbcapcd.org), or in person at our office.

2. Receive a Voucher – If you are eligible for funding and your Voucher Application is complete, the District will send you a Voucher. Do not begin work until you receive a Voucher.

3. Complete Project – Within 90 days of application completeness date, complete the removal or replacement project as proposed.

What do I need to complete the Voucher and receive incentive funding?

- Completed Voucher
- Final Sales Invoice from Dealer/Installer/Contractor
- Finalized Building Permit
- After-Project Photos

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4. Receive Incentive Funding – Within 45 days of submission of the completed Voucher, receive incentive funding.



Q: Can I apply for the program to replace/remove multiple wood-burning devices?

A: No, only one replacement or removal project will be eligible to receive incentive funding.

Q: I am a renter. Can I still apply?

A: No, if you are not the legal owner of the property you are not eligible for the program. However, your landlord may apply.

Q: How long will the funds be available?

A: The funds will be available until they are committed to specific projects. Incentive funds will be awarded on a “first-come, first-served” basis.

Q: How much should I expect to pay for a building permit?

A: For most jurisdictions, the building permit will cost approximately \$250 (typically ranges from \$100 to \$500), but it can cost more or less depending on the jurisdiction and the specific project proposed.

Q: Will the incentive amounts cover the project costs entirely?

A: The program incentive amount won’t cover the project costs entirely, but will significantly reduce the cost of the project.

Learn More

- For information on Program Basics and Eligibility Requirements, visit www.OurAir.org/heatclean/
- For questions, call (805) 961-8848 or email heatclean@sbcapcd.org