



Wood Burning Appliance Change-Out Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the Wood Burning Appliance Change-out Incentive Program?

The program provides a \$250 incentive for the replacement of an existing uncertified wood stove, fireplace insert, zero clearance or open hearth fireplace with a new EPA-certified or Air District approved clean burning device or fireplace.

2. Why is this program important?

Uncertified wood burning appliances and open hearth fireplaces produce significantly greater wood smoke emissions than EPA-certified devices and clean burn fireplaces. Exposure from smoke may cause many health problems that range from eye and respiratory tract irritation to more serious disorders, including reduced lung function, bronchitis, exacerbation of asthma and premature death.

3. Who qualifies?

Individuals who own a residential or commercial property in San Luis Obispo County.

4. How do you apply?

Contact the Air District or visit our website (www.slocleanair.org) to obtain a Voucher Application Form. The completed signed application must be returned to the Air District with information on the residence location and type of wood burning device to be replaced.

5. How does the program work?

- Submit a signed Application to the Air District by mail or personal delivery (no email or faxes);
- Application is reviewed and approved by Air District then a Voucher is issued;
- Applicant purchases wood burning device within 21 days of receiving the voucher and sends sales receipt and Purchase Agreement Form to the Air District;
- Applicant installs wood burning device and returns the Change-out Certification Form to the Air District;
- The Air District issues a \$250 check within 45 days.

6. Are there any building permit or inspection requirements?

The Applicant may be required to obtain a building permit. If a permit is required, the Applicant should contact the Building Department in the local jurisdiction where the installation of the device is taking place. An inspection by Air District staff may also be necessary in order to verify the type of appliance an applicant has or to verify compliance with program requirements.

For more information on this program, please see the "Program Information" packet located on the Air District website or call 805-781-5912.