



bulkley valley - lakes district airshed management society

2007 Woodstove Exchange Program Details

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Goal: Our goal is to improve air quality within the Skeena region and the Bulkley Valley – Lakes District airshed. This program combines education and economic incentives to assist residents to operate their wood burning appliances efficiently and to exchange older smoky wood stoves for low emission appliances including new CSA / EPA-certified clean burning wood stoves. New technology appliances are proven to burn 1/3 less wood, to reduce emissions by up to 70%, and to significantly reduce risks of chimney fires. This program also supports local bylaws restricting the use of non-emission certified appliances.

Rebates: The BVLD Airshed Management Society has received funds to offer **\$250 cash rebates** to the first 400 program participants. Participating retailers (listed at www.cleanairplan.ca) will also be offering additional **in-store discounts ranging from 7.5 to 15% off** for the month of March. So you can act now and get the \$250 rebate, or wait until March to receive even greater savings. Residents within the District of Houston boundaries can also qualify for an **additional \$300 rebate!**

What Qualifies? An exchange must take place. Any wood burning appliance currently providing heat to a residential or commercial building qualifies if it is not certified for efficiency and emission standards. Typically, stoves or inserts manufactured before 1994 are not efficiency certified. Most wood burning furnaces and outdoor wood burning boilers do not meet standards. A metal plate on the back of your unit will indicate the month and year of testing for EPA or CSA 415B standards. Old units can be exchanged for any new clean burning appliance that has passed these tests – this includes woodstoves, inserts, pellet stoves, gas or electric furnaces, certified wood burning furnaces or even geothermal heating.

Where: The program boundaries span from Burns Lake to Terrace, and include all outlying and rural residences as well as homes within town limits.

When: The Program Launch date was November 15th, 2006, so anyone upgrading their woodstove since November can qualify for the \$250 rebate. During March 2007, additional in-store discounts will apply.

How do you get a Voucher? Vouchers for the \$250 Rebate can be picked up at any participating retailer* between Burns Lake and Terrace, from Ken Thomson at the Houston Fire Department, or directly from Colin Macleod at the Ministry of Environment.

What are the Requirements? To receive the \$250 Rebate, simply fill out the customer information on the front of the Voucher as well as the verification checklist on the back. This verification confirms that:

1. The existing woodstove is currently in use and does not meet EPA emission standards (all pre-1990 and most pre-1994 stoves and inserts).
2. A new emission certified appliance has been installed (Resident is responsible for all necessary installation permits and/or inspections, even in cases where town fees have been waived).
3. The old woodstove is permanently decommissioned (customer or retailer responsible for removing door, cleaning out any ash and firebricks and delivering old stove to the appropriate recycling facility - either to the Municipal Works Yards or to the Regional Transfer Station depending on where you live).

Drop off or mail the voucher to Colin Macleod and the BVLD Airshed Management Society will mail you a cheque for \$250. There are a limited number of vouchers so ACT NOW!

Can't afford a new stove yet? The Bulkley Valley and Northern Savings Credit Unions are offering favourable financing to program participants so that you can take advantage of rebates and savings now by spreading payments out over future months. In addition, many retailers also offer financing packages. For special circumstances, extra assistance may be available. Please contact us directly for options.

More Heat, Less Wood, Safer for your Home, and Better for your Neighbourhood: Take advantage of Woodstove Exchange Program rebates and incentives to upgrade your old woodstove now!

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