

NEWS RELEASE

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Woodstove Changeout program returns for another year

Summary

Nanaimo residents looking to upgrade their woodstove to a newer model that meets today's standards will have the opportunity to receive some financial relief from the City of Nanaimo starting Friday, January 22.

Rebates of \$250 will be offered to residents who replace their old woodstoves with approved units at participating retailers.

To be eligible, home owners must have an existing wood burning appliance or a non-EPA insert installed in an open hearth fireplace that does not comply with current smoke emission standards - typically an appliance built and installed before 1994.

For more information, a list of participating retailers and to see if you qualify, visit the City of Nanaimo website.

Strategic Link: Environmental Responsibility

Key Points

- Residents looking to replace their old woodstoves may be eligible for a rebate through the City of Nanaimo. Rebate forms will be available at participating retailers beginning January 22 (while quantities last).
- To qualify for the rebate homeowners must have an eligible existing wood burning appliance or a non-EPA gas fireplace insert that does not conform to current standards (CSA B415.1 or equivalent EPA standard) and a replacement stove must be purchased on or after January 22, 2016.
- Participating retailers may offer additional discounts and rebates. Ask your retailer for details.

Quotes

"We're happy to bring this popular rebate program back for another year. Changing out your old woodstove for a new one will not only save you money but can also reduce your carbon footprint."

Rob Lawrance
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Quick Facts

- Did you know that by upgrading to cleaner burn technology, you can save firewood and time (efficient woodstoves use 1/3 less wood) and can reduce wood smoke emissions by up to 90%.
- Smart operating practices include burning seasoned wood (split and dried for at least six months), not allowing fires to smolder, and never burning accelerants, chemically treated wood, plastics, rubber and other noxious materials.

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