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Woodstove changeout rebate program returns

Rebates available at participating retailers starting January 30, 2019

Summary

Nanaimo residents looking to upgrade their older (pre-1994) woodstoves to a newer model that meets today's standards will have the opportunity to receive some financial relief from the City of Nanaimo starting Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

The following rebates will be offered to residents who replace their old woodstoves with approved units at participating retailers:

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\$250 rebates will be offered for switching out any non-EPA certified stoves to cleaner burning models.

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\$400 rebates will be offered for replacing a woodstove with an electric heat pump, gas or propane stove, or pellet-fueled stove.

There are limited quantities of rebates and participating retailers may offer additional discounts.

For more information on the rebate program, a list of participating retailers and to see a list of eligible appliances, visit www.nanaimo.ca.

Strategic Link: Reducing emissions from woodstoves contributes to the City's priority to be environmentally responsible.

Key Points

- To be eligible, homeowners must have an existing non EPA certified wood burning appliance or insert installed in an open-hearth fireplace that does not comply with current smoke emission standards - typically an appliance built and installed before 1994.
- The rebate program is on a first-come, first-served basis and while quantities last. Up to 40 rebates are available.

Quotes

"This has been such a successful program to improve Nanaimo's air quality during the winter months while helping residents save money. Not only do homeowners receive a rebate when they purchase a new, more efficient woodstove, they save on firewood needed to heat their home."

Rob Lawrance
Environmental Planner
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- New, more efficient wood stoves can improve Nanaimo's air quality in winter by cutting wood smoke emissions by up to 90 per cent.
- Some tips to further reduce emissions from woodstoves include burning seasoned wood that has been 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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