

The Greater Portola Area
Woodstove Change-out 2004
Rebate Qualification Criteria and Limitations
\$1000.00 REBATE*

This rebate is an incentive paid to the resident for changing-out a non-EPA woodstove for an EPA Certified Phase II Woodstove, a pellet stove, or propane or fuel oil fired appliance.

FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS TO ESTABLISH PRIORITY ON THE REBATE LIST

1. Applicants must be a permanent full-time resident, and have 96122 as their zip code. The change-out must occur in the city of Portola. The woodstove changed-out must be a non-EPA woodstove (see section on woodstoves).
2. Purchase your new qualifying device (see above) on or after November 1, 2004 and complete the Woodstove Change-out Applicant Information Form (available from your local retailer). Pre-orders and purchases made prior to November 1, 2004 do not qualify.
3. Call the Northern Sierra AQMD at (530) 274-9360 extension 105 (M-F 8:00 – 5:00) and provide the information you have completed on the application form to establish priority on the rebate list. You may also leave a voice mail message. The rebate is available on a first come, first serve basis. Only one rebate per household. Total maximum funding for this rebate program is \$25,000.
4. After you have established priority on the rebate list, mail the signed application form, a copy of your driver's license or voter registration card and a copy of the sales receipt to the District at: NSAQMD, P.O. Box 2509, Grass Valley, CA 95945 or fax this information to (530) 274-7546. This information must be received within 10 days of being placed on the rebate list.

Funding and Expiration Date

The NSAQMD Board of Directors allocated a maximum funding of \$25,000 for the City of Portola County Woodstove Change-out 2004. Funding is available on a first come, first serve basis. Program begins November 1, 2004 and expires February 28, 2005.

Rebate Vouchers

Those applicants that are placed on the rebate list and submit the required information (step 4) will be issued a rebate voucher certified by the District. The rebate voucher will hold the applicant's priority on the waiting list and the funds pending completion of the additional requirements listed below. Rebate Vouchers are not transferable.

Additional Requirements

Applicants must in addition to the steps listed above provide the following:

1. The certified rebate voucher you received from the District.
2. Disposal receipt issued by the retailer that takes possession and destroys and disposes of your old stove. Under no circumstance may the old stove be resold or reinstalled.
3. A copy of the building permit with final inspection signed off by the building inspector.

Rebate Payment

Checks for the rebate will be issued to applicants on the rebate list that successfully meet the qualifications and provide the required documentation within 30 days of receipt of the completed documentation. The District must receive the completed documentation by the program's expiration date, February 28, 2005.

Forfeiture

The applicant will forfeit participation in the program if the applicant provides the District with false information or fails to provide the District with the required information prior to the February 28, 2005 deadline. Applicants on the waiting list, who do not choose to complete the transaction, are encouraged to voluntarily notify the District to change the status of their application.

Waiting List

In the event that the demand exceeds the funding, the District may establish a waiting list. If funding is available after the expiration date due to forfeitures, rebate vouchers may be issued according to priority on the waiting list. The waiting list is not funded.

Particulate Matter (smoke)

This program is a step in the right direction to reduce health impacts from exposure to smoke. This is important because smoke contains fine particulate matter that escapes the body's natural defenses. These microscopic particles go deep into the lungs where they may become trapped. Children, seniors and individuals with asthma or respiratory problems may experience symptoms like coughing, wheezing, and difficulty breathing from exposure to smoke. According to studies, respiratory problems associated with particulate pollution have been linked to school absences, hospital admissions and emergency room visits.

Woodstoves

Non-EPA woodstoves produce more smoke than their cleaner burning EPA certified Phase II stoves given the same fuel and combustion process. A non-EPA woodstove is a stove that has not been tested and certified by the EPA as meeting Federal emission ratings. Generally, woodstoves older than 12 years are not certified by the EPA. Applicants must be able to supply the make and model of the stove they are replacing. Woodstove retailers may verify whether or not your old stove is a non-EPA certified stove.

Retailers

The District does not make any referral to participants regarding retailers. In the past, some retailers have offered additional incentives. Participating retailers are encouraged to work with participants to identify qualifying products and to assist the applicant in establishing timely compliance with the terms of this program, prior to the completion of the sale. Many retailers also dispose of the old woodstove. Retailers disposing of the old stove must sign a certification form.

District Contact Information

Interested residents and retailers may contact the District at (530) 274-9360 extension 105 for additional information. Ask for Allison King.