



GREATER PORTOLA WOOD STOVE CHANGE-OUT PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – ZONE 1

(ZONE 1 IS DEFINED AS HOMES WITHIN THE CITY OF PORTOLA SPHERE OF INFLUENCE – SEE ATTACHED MAP)

The Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (District) is offering a wood stove change-out program to qualified homeowners within the Greater Portola PM2.5 Non-attainment Area in Plumas County, California for replacement of non-EPA certified wood stoves with new, efficient, cleaner burning EPA certified devices. This program is funded by the U.S. EPA's 2015 Targeted Air Shed Grant Program with additional funds provided by the District's AB2766 program and other agencies. This is a 5-year voluntary program that will end August 31, 2020 or when funds run out, whichever comes first. Under this Grant Program, the District will be working with the participating woodstove retailers to provide a replacement device worth up to \$3,500 per stove change-out (including device, necessary stove pipe, permit, labor, etc.). As an added incentive, the District will provide up to \$1,000 in additional funds (total installation not to exceed \$4,500) to replace a non-EPA certified wood stove with a pellet stove or non-solid fuel heating device (propane/kerosene).

- Must be a Resident of the City of Portola (Sphere of Influence), Plumas County, CA (see attached map or, for better accuracy, view the embedded map at www.myairdistrict.com)
- Must currently have an installed, operating non-EPA certified wood stove (non-EPA certified stoves were typically purchased and installed prior to 1992)
- Available to homeowners and renters - an Owner/Tenant Agreement must be signed for a rental property.
- Includes mobile and manufactured homes.
- Must submit a completed application to be considered for the program. Your application will be disqualified:
 - IF the old device is removed from the home prior to application approval
 - IF the new certified, device is purchased before application approval
 - IF any information on the application is false or incomplete
- Installation must be completed by a District-approved Retailer
- No retroactive rebates are available.

To complete an application, go to www.myairdistrict.com. Print out the application, fill it out and return it to the District via email, fax, or mail. Alternately, you may leave your name, phone number and complete address on the information line at 530-832-4067 and an application will be mailed to you. Application hardcopies are also available at Portola City Hall, Portola Library and the Portola Family Resource Center.

The mission of this program is to reduce health impacts by reducing fine particulate (PM2.5) in the air from wood smoke. These microscopic particles go deep into the lungs where they may become trapped. PM2.5 is linked with premature death, work and school absences, and significant health problems including aggravated asthma, acute respiratory symptoms (such as chest pain and coughing), chronic bronchitis and decreased lung function. Sensitive individuals (those most at risk from exposure to smoke) are the elderly, children, asthmatics, adults with pre-existing heart and lung disease, pregnant women, and people engaging in strenuous outdoor activity.

Submission of an application does not guarantee funding.

MAP of Zone 1: CITY OF PORTOLA SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

Please contact the air district for further assistance.

