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Butte County AQMD Re-Launching Popular Woodstove Replacement Voucher Program Issued by the Butte County Air Quality Management District

The Butte County Air Quality Management District will be issuing vouchers once again to help replace older and inefficient woodstoves, inserts, and fireplaces.

The Woodsmoke Reduction Program provides an incentive voucher to replace a non-EPA certified wood-burning device that is used as a primary source of heat with either an EPA-certified woodstove or insert, a pellet stove or insert, or an electric device such as an electric stove or heat pump.

For homes in certain census tracts designated by the State as low-income and for low-income households, a voucher amount of \$5,000 (\$10,000 for heat pumps) is available to assist with the cost of purchase, installation, and permitting. A voucher of \$2,500 (\$5,000 for heat pumps) is available to all households with an eligible wood-burning device. Vouchers can be redeemed at participating retailers. Installations must be done by a licensed contractor with the appropriate building permit and comply with all building code requirements.

Replacing an older wood-burning device with a newer, cleaner burning device increases safety, reduces air pollution, and improves indoor air quality. The District has funded nearly 600 wood-burning device replacement projects over the past 10 years leading to substantial improvements in winter air quality.

\$221,789 in Woodsmoke Reduction Program funding is available for this latest round. An additional \$300,000 in Community Air Protection Incentives will be available for homes located in state-defined Disadvantaged Communities (Chapman/Mulberry communities and portions of Thermalito). The Woodsmoke Reduction Program and Community Air Protection Incentives are funded by California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment.



To Apply

Applications will become available on September 20 at **8:00 AM** through participating retailers, at the District office, or online at www.butteairquality.com. To apply, submit a completed Voucher Application and a photo of the currently installed old wood-burning device to the District. Additional documentation required for low-income eligibility or if replacing an open-hearth fireplace.

Completed applications and inquiries can be submitted to:

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