



VANCOUVER HOMEOWNERS: FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE FOR WOOD STOVE REPLACEMENT / REMOVAL AND WOOD DRYING RACKS AT HOMES WITHIN THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY



Wednesday, July 18, 2018 – The Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) is pleased to announce that we are, once again, offering financial aid to property owners within the Vancouver Urban Growth Area (UGA) who wish to replace old freestanding wood stoves and wood-burning fireplace inserts which do not meet the state’s current emission standard for the devices. Those who are eligible for the program can receive up to \$4000, in the form of an *Instant Credit* voucher, to aid in the replacement of their non-approved wood stove or insert.

In addition to the “replacement” program, SWCAA is also offering monetary payments to property owners who are willing to remove an old wood stove or fireplace insert, but do not need to replace it with anything (i.e., the home already has another source of heat which will replace the removed stove). Participants in this “bounty” option of our wood stove program will receive a payment of \$350 for removing and delivering their non-approved heating device to the participating metal recycler in Vancouver.

Through this program, SWCAA will also be providing low-income residents in the UGA, who burn cord wood and do not have the ability to complete a “replacement” at this time, an outdoor wood drying rack and cover. Burning seasoned firewood (less than 20% moisture content (i.e., dry)):

- Increases the heating efficiency of the wood being burned, which...
 - ...reduces the amount of wood needed to be burned to provide the same heat
 - ...SAVES MONEY
- Reduces visible smoke and emissions of pollutants into the air that we all breathe
- Reduces the threat of a chimney fire due to creosote buildup resulting from the incomplete combustion of wood
- Reduces the likelihood that a resident will violate state law by emitting too much smoke (measured in opacity) from their home’s chimney

The program is active at this time and will expire on June 30, 2019, or when grant funding is exhausted, whichever occurs first. [LEARN MORE OR APPLY TODAY!](#)