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Air District to Issue Vouchers to Replace Woodstoves

The Woodsmoke Reduction Pilot Program is a voucher program supported by the California Climate Investments (CCI) Program and administered by local air districts. This program provides vouchers to replace non-EPA certified wood-burning stoves and fireplace inserts with either an EPA-certified woodstove or insert, or a natural gas, propane, or electric heating device. A wood burning fireplace used as a primary source of heat may also qualify.

For certain communities designated by the state and for low-income households, the vouchers may cover the entire cost of the replacement (up to \$3,500). A standard voucher of \$1,000 is available to all households regardless of income or location within Yuba or Sutter counties to use towards the cost of purchase and installation.

The Feather River Air Quality Management District will be administering the program for devices located in Yuba and Sutter counties. Neighboring counties are also participating and residents outside Yuba or Sutter counties should apply with their local air district.

Home owners and tenant occupied residential homes are eligible. Tenant applicants must obtain owner approval prior to receiving a voucher.

The Program will begin accepting Applications on May 23, 2018. Applications are available:

- At the Feather River Air Quality Management District office – 541 Washington Avenue, Yuba City, CA
- On the website: www.fraqmd.org
- By phone or email: call to request an Application (530) 634-7659 or fracmd@fracmd.org
- At Participating Retailers (listed below)
- At Yuba County foothill locations: Ray's Hardware, Brownsville; Ace Hardware, Oregon House; Burgee Dave's, Camptonville

To apply, fill out an Application and take a photo of your old device. Starting May 23rd, send the Application and photo to the air district by mail, email, or drop off at:

Feather River Air Quality Management District
541 Washington Avenue
Yuba City, CA 95991
Email: fracmd@fracmd.org



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Vouchers will be issued first come, first served, and expire 4 weeks from the date they are issued. Within the 4 weeks, the applicant must shop around from the list of participating retailers, select a replacement device, and give the voucher to the retailer. Installation is not required to be completed within 4 weeks. Vouchers are only good at participating retailers and for installations done by licensed contractors; do-it-yourself installations are NOT allowed under this program. Installations must meet local fire and building codes.

Participating Retailers as of Monday May 21:

Sutter County –

Bi-County Stoves, 1306 Hassett Avenue #B, Yuba City (in process)

Butte County –

Chico Fireplace and Stoves, 3029 Esplanade #11, Chico

A-1 Stoves Inc., 3881 Benatar Way, Chico

DeLong's Heritage Heating, 2370 Baldwin Avenue, Oroville

Wood Heat and Spa, 6426 Skyway, Paradise

Heat Tech, 867 Hwy 99, Biggs/Gridley

Nevada County –

A-1 Stoves, 819 Whispering Pines Lane, Grass Valley

Sacramento County –

Custom Fireside, 5545 Auburn Blvd, Sacramento

Additional retailers may be added. For more information on the Program or to find out if your household resides in an Enhanced Voucher Incentive community, contact FRAQMD at (530) 634-7659, email fracmd@fracmd.org, or visit www.fraqmd.org.