



Funds Available

Low Income Wood Stove & Fireplace Change Out Incentive Program

If you're a low income resident, or a landlord of low income rental property in Sacramento County or its cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Isleton, Rancho Cordova or Sacramento, contact the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District to see if you qualify for a voucher to help fund the replacement of polluting wood stoves and traditional fireplaces with less polluting units.

Health Effects

Sacramento County does not meet federal health standards for fine particulate matter. Wood smoke in our county is the source of 50% of fine particulate matter pollution, plus it contains hydrocarbons and toxic air contaminants. Health studies link wood smoke to serious health problems including decreased lung function, aggravated asthma, irregular heartbeat, and premature death in people with existing heart and lung disease.

Voucher Options and Funding Levels

REPLACE UNCERTIFIED WOOD STOVE/INSERT WITH:	LOW INCOME FUNDING LEVEL:
Gas stove/insert	Up to \$1,500
Electric stove/insert	Up to \$1,500
Pellet stove/insert	Up to \$1,500
Wood stove/insert	Up to \$1,500
REPLACE OPEN HEARTH FIREPLACE WITH:	
Gas stove/insert	Up to \$1,500
Gas logs or electric stove/insert	Up to \$1,500
Pellet stove/insert	Up to \$1,500
REPLACE CERTIFIED WOOD OR PELLET STOVE/INSERT WITH:	
Gas stove/insert	Up to \$1,500
Electric stove/insert	Up to \$1,500

Vouchers will be processed in the order received.

Low Income Assistance up to \$1,500

You may be eligible to get a voucher for up to \$1,500 towards the purchase/installation of a less polluting wood burning device or the removal of an old one. Follow the "How to Apply" steps below.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL INCOME
1	\$24,867.44
2	\$32,518.96
3	\$40,170.48
4	\$47,822.00
5	\$55,473.52
6	\$63,125.04

How to Apply for a Low Income Voucher

1) Get the **Voucher Application** from the Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD:

- Call: (916) 440-WOOD (9663)
- Fax: (916) 874-7896
- Email: woodstove@airquality.org
- Visit: <http://www.airquality.org/woodstove>
- In Person: 777 12th Street, 3rd floor, Sacramento

2) Get the **Income Verification Form** from the AQMD, and if you are a property owner renting to a low income tenant you must also get a **Rental Property Owner Form** from the AQMD.

3) Submit application and forms to the Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD. The AQMD must verify the residence address, and income for Low Income Program applications.

Examples of verification documents are listed on the application forms. *The voucher expires four weeks from the date of issuance.*

4) Select a new, less polluting appliance from a participating retailer and make a commitment to purchase it. *Please visit one of the participating retailers at least one week prior to the voucher's expiration date.* The retailer verifies the appliance qualifies for the voucher.

5) After verification, the retailer reduces the purchase price by the amount of the voucher and notifies the AQMD of the purchase. *This must occur within four weeks after voucher issuance.*

6) The retailer notifies the AQMD and submits appropriate documentation within 30 days of installation.

Voucher