



EASTERN KERN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

2700 "M" STREET SUITE 302, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301-2370

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WOODSMOKE REDUCTION PROGRAM APPLICATION

HOW THE VOUCHER PROGRAM WORKS

1. The Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control (District) is offering rebate vouchers to replace non-EPA certified wood stoves, fireplace inserts, and open-hearth fireplaces **used as a primary source of heat**, with new cleaner burning devices. The new device must be one of the following: EPA certified fireplace insert or woodstove, natural gas, propane, or electric heating device.

Applications for rebate vouchers will be accepted until project dollars are depleted. **Please include a photo of the currently installed older stove, fireplace insert, or fireplace.** A Completed application must be signed by the homeowner and submitted to the District.

2. The Standard Voucher is valued at **\$2,000**. Please be aware that the Standard Voucher amount may not cover the entire cost of the new cleaner device, installation, required permits or any code upgrade that may be required.
3. An Enhanced Voucher valued at **\$4,000** is available for an applicant with a project located in a designated [Low Income or Disadvantaged Community](#).

Applicants can also qualify for the Enhanced Voucher if they demonstrate their income eligibility by providing proof of participation in one of the following low-income assistance programs:

- U.S. Department of Agriculture Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program;
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
- California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program with any utility company.

4. The Woodsmoke Reduction Program is only available to homeowners only.
5. The fireplace or wood stove being replaced must be used as the home's primary heat source.
6. An old wood stove being replaced must be uncertified. A wood stove installed prior to 1988, or that does not have a label permanently affixed to it describing particulate matter emission standards qualifies for this Program.
7. The applicant must redeem the voucher within sixty (60)-days from the date of issuance from a participating retailer. The voucher will be applied as an instant rebate off the total price of the new cleaner device. Please contact the District for the list of participating retailers.
8. The applicant is responsible for scheduling an in-home estimate with a participating retailer. The retailer will verify the stove's eligibility and present an estimate to the Applicant. **No retroactive rebates are allowed.**
9. New device must be professionally installed by a licensed installer in accordance with local fire and building codes. A building permit must be obtained prior to installation of the new device if required by the city or county building department. **No do-it-yourself installations are allowed.**

Installation must occur within one-hundred and twenty (120)-days of voucher issuance. The installation expiration date may be extended at the discretion of the District.

10. Old device replaced through this program must be removed from service and surrendered to the participating retailer, who will render it permanently inoperable and properly dispose/recycling it. The participating retailer shall take a photo of the older device prior to removing it. The retailer shall also take a photo of the installed new device.
11. Participating retailers or their licensed installers shall provide participants training on proper wood storage and wood burning practices (if applicable) and device operation and maintenance.
12. This voucher program was supported by the California Climate Investments (CCI) Program. This voucher program is subject to state requirements and agreements with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the California Air Pollution Control Officer's Association (CAPCOA).

HOW TO APPLY

You are eligible for this program if you own and reside in a home located within the District's jurisdiction, that uses a fireplace or uncertified wood stove as the primary heat source (see map below or list of communities on page 4 to determine jurisdiction). Complete all sections of the Woodsmoke Reduction Application (page 4). Please review and sign the Applicant Certification (page 5). Include at least one photo of your current non-certified wood burning device. Include a copy of a current utility bill to verify name/address.

Submit your completed application with all attachments to:

**Eastern Kern APCD
2700 M Street, Suite 302
Bakersfield, California 93301**



EASTERN KERN COMMUNITIES

Aerial Acres	Kernville
Alpine Forest	Keyesville
Alta Sierra	Lake Isabella
Bear Valley Springs	Miracle Hot Springs
Bella Vista	Mojave
Bodfish	Monolith
Boron	North Edwards
California City	Onyx
Canebrake	Paris Loraine
Cantil	Randsburg
China Lake	Reefer City
China Lake Acres	Ridgecrest
Claraville	Riverkern
Desert Lake	Rosamond
Edwards Air Force Base	Sand Canyon
Freeman	Squirrel Mountain Valley
Garlock	South Lake
Golden Hills	Stallion Springs
Havilah	Tehachapi
Indian Wells	Twin Oaks
Inyokern	Walker Basin
Johannesburg	Weldon
Keene	Willow Springs
Kernvale	Wofford Heights



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**WOODSMOKE REDUCTION PROGRAM
 APPLICATION FORM**

Applicant Information

Name		Phone No:
Physical Address:	E-mail Address:	
City:	State:	Zip:

Mailing Address if Different

Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

Wood Burning Device Information

Existing Wood Burning Device	New Certified Device To Be Installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-certified freestanding woodstove	<input type="checkbox"/> EPA certified fireplace insert or woodstove
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-certified woodstove insert	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural gas
<input type="checkbox"/> Open hearth fireplace	<input type="checkbox"/> Propane
Make/Model:	<input type="checkbox"/> Electric
Year Manufactured/Age:	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard Incentive: \$2,000
<input type="checkbox"/> I have included a photograph of my old device.	<input type="checkbox"/> *Enhanced Incentive: \$4,000 (Low-Income Disadvantaged)

*Please provide proof of Low-Income eligibility pursuant to Section 3 (WIC, LIHEAP, CARE), if your home is not located in a Low Income or Disadvantaged Community region of the map.

Additional Information

Why are you applying (Check all that apply)

To reduce air pollution
 To save money
 Not satisfied with current device
 Other: _____

Is the rebate a significant factor in replacing your stove? Yes No
 Is your current device used as a primary source of heat (>50% winter use)? Yes No
 In a typical heating season, how many cords of wood do you typically burn? _____
 How did you hear about the Program? _____

DATE RECEIVED	Validation (for EKAPCD use)
	Eligible for Funding: _____
	Voucher Amount: _____
	Date: _____

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:

I certify the following:

1. I understand that only a currently installed and operating non-EPA certified wood burning device used as a primary source of heat is eligible to be replaced under this program.
2. I understand that participants are limited to receiving one rebate voucher per address.
3. I understand that applications are processed in the order they are received. Rebates will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Funding is limited; rebates are not guaranteed. The voucher will only be valid for sixty (60)-days from the date of its issuance. No retroactive rebates are available. Voucher expiration date may be extended at the discretion of the District.
4. I understand that applications may only be accepted for devices located in Eastern Kern jurisdiction (see Map on page 2 and Community List on page 3).
5. I understand that if I qualify, I will receive a voucher and a current list of participating retailers who will honor the voucher if it is submitted by the expiration date written on the voucher.
6. The participating retailer who installs the new device is responsible for properly dismantling and disposing of the old device.
7. If I choose to replace a device with funds from this program, I will make a commitment to purchase a device from a participating retailer within the sixty (60)-day period and authorize the retailer to forward a notification of the purchase agreement, along with verification that my existing wood burning device is not EPA-certified to the District.
8. I understand that devices purchased with funds from this program must be professionally installed by a licensed installer and that there may be additional costs for installation including a local permit. Installations must comply with all local fire and building codes. The installation must be coordinated and certified by a participating retailer and must be completed within sixty (60)-days of redeeming the voucher. Installation expiration date may be extended at the discretion of the District.
9. I understand that I am responsible to pay the retailer any cost exceeding my voucher amount associated with the purchase price of my new certified device.
10. I understand that I will forfeit my voucher if I provide the District with false information or fail to obtain any required permit or if the required information is not submitted to the District prior to the expiration date listed on the voucher.
11. The District does not warranty any devices purchased under this voucher program, including, but not limited to, the quality or functionality of the device.
12. I understand that proper wood burning practices (e.g., burning only dry, seasoned wood) and proper stove installation and operation (e.g., maintaining a hot fire) are critical to the effectiveness of my new device. I further agree to receive training on proper wood storage and wood burning practices (if applicable) and device operation and maintenance from the participating retailer or installer.
13. I understand that the District, CAPCOA, or the State of California may inspect all work and associated records with 30-day advanced notice.
14. Applications will be treated in accordance with Public Records Act requirements. Certain information, subject to those requirements, may be publicly disclosed.

Applicant/Owner Name (Print): _____

Applicant/Owner Signature: _____

Date: _____