

2011 Dane County Wood Stove Changeout



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What is the Changeout?

If you heat your home with an old wood-burning stove or fireplace insert that was manufactured or purchased before July 1992, then this program is for you! The 2011 Dane County Wood Stove Changeout Program provides an opportunity *and* a great financial incentive for Dane County residents to do their share for healthier air.

Old wood stoves and fireplace inserts produce excessive wood smoke that affects the air we breathe, both indoors and outdoors. While fine particle pollution can occur year-round from vehicular, electric and industrial sources, activities such as wood burning that occur in the winter months significantly increase fine particle levels and other pollutants in our air. The winter months in Dane County are a peak emission period for fine particles (a.k.a. soot) and recent data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency indicate that the use of older, non EPA-certified wood stoves and fireplace inserts in Dane County produces more than 500 tons of fine particle emissions annually.

The Dane County Clean Air Coalition is partnering with area businesses to offer County residents a \$750.00 rebate and other financial incentives to replace their old wood stove or fireplace inserts with healthier, cleaner burning EPA-certified devices. This voluntary pollution prevention program, which runs from August 1 through September 30, 2011, encourages Dane County residents to reduce their contribution to unhealthy indoor and outdoor air by replacing their old wood stoves or fireplace inserts with cleaner burning technologies like natural gas, wood pellet, and EPA-certified wood-burning stoves and inserts.

Program Details

During August and September 2011, Dane County residents interested in replacing their old, inefficient wood stoves or inserts may be eligible to receive a \$750.00 rebate from Dane County, as well as various manufacturer and retailer discounts and a federal tax credit on the purchase price of qualifying cleaner burning EPA-certified wood stoves and inserts, natural gas stoves and inserts, or pellet stoves and inserts. Please note that rebate funds are limited and will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible customers. Discounts and the federal tax credit will be available for qualifying devices until the end of the program regardless of rebate eligibility.

To learn more about this program, including how to determine whether you are eligible to receive a rebate and to see a list of participating retailers, go to www.healthyairdane.org or call Lisa MacKinnon, Program Coordinator, at 608/ 266-9063 or email MacKinnon@countyofdane.com.

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