

2008-9 Skeena – BVL D Woodstove Exchange Program Details



A dirty scoundrel has invaded our neighbourhoods! But never fear – Super Stove is here and he’s offering big bucks to help round up smoky, old wood burning appliances!

Goal: Our goal is to improve air quality within the Skeena region and the Bulkley Valley – Lakes District airshed. This program combines education and economic incentives to assist residents to operate their wood burning appliances efficiently and to exchange older smoky wood stoves for low emission appliances including new CSA / EPA-certified clean burning wood stoves. New technology appliances are proven to burn 1/3 less wood, to reduce emissions by up to 90%, and to significantly reduce risks of chimney fires. This program also supports local bylaws restricting the use of non-emission certified appliances.

ACT NOW TO SAVE BIG!

\$250 cash rebates from the BVL DAMS

+ \$500 from Village of Burns Lake = \$750

+ \$500 from Town of Smithers = \$750

+ \$300 from District of Houston = \$550

+ \$250 from Village of Telkwa = \$500

+ \$50 from RDKS = \$300

+ \$300 through EcoAction Home Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program

+ Participating retailers (listed at www.cleanairplan.ca) may also be offering in-store promotions and discounts so visit your local retailer today.

What Qualifies? An exchange must take place. Any wood burning appliance currently providing heat to a residential or commercial building qualifies if it is not certified for efficiency and emission standards. Typically, stoves or inserts manufactured before 1994 are not efficiency certified. Most wood burning furnaces and outdoor wood burning boilers do not meet standards. A metal plate on the back of your unit will indicate the month and year of testing for EPA or CSA 415B standards. Old units can be exchanged for any new clean burning appliance. This includes EPA certified woodstoves and inserts, pellet stoves, gas or electric furnaces, certified wood burning furnaces or even geothermal heating.

Where: The program boundaries span from Burns Lake to Terrace, and include all outlying and rural residences as well as homes within town limits.

When: The Program was launched in November 2006, and will continue until December 2010 or until all rebates are distributed. As of January 1, 2009, over half of the rebates have already been given out.

How do you get a Voucher? Vouchers for the \$250 Rebate can be picked up at any participating retailer between Burns Lake and Terrace, from Ken Thomson at the Houston Fire Department, Jim McBride at the Burns Lake Firehall, or directly from Colin Macleod at the Ministry of Environment office in Smithers.

What are the Requirements? To receive the \$250 Rebate, simply fill out the customer information on the front of the Voucher as well as the verification checklist on the back. This verification confirms that:

1. The existing woodstove is currently in use and does not meet EPA emission standards (all pre-1990 and most pre-1994 stoves and inserts).
2. A new emission certified appliance has been installed (Resident is responsible for all necessary installation permits and/or inspections, even in cases where town fees have been waived).
3. The old woodstove is permanently decommissioned (customer or retailer responsible for removing door, cleaning out any ash and firebricks and delivering old stove to the appropriate recycling facility - either to the Municipal Works Yards or to the Regional Transfer Station depending on where you live).

Drop off or mail the voucher to Colin Macleod and the BVLD Airshed Management Society will mail you a cheque for \$250. **There are a limited number of vouchers so ACT NOW!**

Can't afford a new stove yet? The Bulkley Valley and Northern Savings Credit Unions are offering favourable financing to program participants, with **loans up to \$5000** with an **interest rate of prime plus 0%** so that you can take advantage of rebates and savings now by spreading payments out over future months.

Upgrade Now! Certified woodstoves are safer, cleaner and will save you time and firewood, so

Use LESS WOOD and be GOOD to your neighbourhood!

And remember, NEVER burn green, for only well-seasoned firewood burns HOT and CLEAN!

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