Wood Stove Replacement Rebate Program

San Geronimo Valley, Marin County

COUNTY OF MARIN

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the Wood Stove Replacement Rebate Program?

The County of Marin and Bay Area Air Quality Management District are offering rebates for the proper removal and replacement of non-EPA certified wood-burning appliances (e.g., wood stoves) with cleaner burning appliances (EPA-certified wood stoves, pellet stoves or propane appliances). By removing your non-EPA certified wood-burning appliance, you will help improve air quality for you and your community. **This program is *only* available to homes in the San Geronimo Valley (Forest Knolls, Lagunitas, San Geronimo and Woodacre).** Rebates are available through August 1, 2013 or until funds are exhausted.

How much is the rebate?

- $250 for removal of non-certified devices.
- $750 for removal AND replacement of a non-certified wood burning appliance with a compliant appliance.
- Vendors on the County's preferred listing will also provide a 10% discount, see **http://www.maringreenbuilding.org/woodsmoke**
- If you qualify as low-income, you may also be eligible for low-interest loan, see **http://www.marinhousing.org/Residential_Rehab_Loan.htm** for more information.
- If you replace your non-certified wood stove with a propane appliance, you may also be eligible for an additional rebate of $350 from the Western Propane Gas Association, see **http://www.westernpga.org/ContentPageWithLeftNav.aspx?id=4988i** for more information.

What kinds of appliances are eligible for the rebate?





- **Propane appliances**
- **Pellet stoves or pellet stove inserts**
- **EPA-certified wood stoves or inserts, however they must meet the following emissions standards:**

  For non-catalytic: 4.5 grams of particulate matter per hour (4.5 g/hr)
  For catalytic: 2.5 grams of particulate matter per hour (2.5 g/hr)

  Note: catalytic stoves generally require more maintenance than non-catalytic.

  For the list of EPA - certified devices, see http://www.epa.gov/Compliance/resources/publications/monitoring/caa/woodstoves/certifiedwood.pdf. Please note, not all listed devices will meet the above standards, about 85% on the list do meet these standards.

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What do I need to do to claim the rebate?

- **Complete the Rebate Application Form**, see http://www.maringreenbuilding.org/woodsmoke.
- **Verify the removal** of the non-certified appliance (with a photo or letter from the contractor). *Note: skip this step if you are replacing your old stove.*
- **Obtain a receipt** for the destruction of the old stove from an approved recycling/scrapping facility. See the list of approved facilities at http://www.maringreenbuilding.org/woodsmoke.
- **Obtain a building permit** from the County of Marin Building Division if you are installing a new appliance. For more information call (415) 473-6550 or see http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/CD/main/comdev/BI/index.cfm.

What is the average cost of these appliances, including flues/parts and installation?

Propane appliances	Pellet stoves or inserts	EPA-certified wood stoves or inserts
Average cost $2,200 (Up to $6,000 depending on consumer taste) +$350 for pipe (if needed) +$500 for labor/installation + $500 to cut through roof to install pipe (if necessary) *Note: if there is no existing tank and/or if plumbing is needed from the street to the house, there will be additional costs which will vary based on site conditions*	**Freestanding pellet stove** Average cost $2,500 (Up to $6,000 depending on consumer taste) +$250 pipe +$400 labor/installation *Note: if must go through the ceiling, add $400 for parts and $500 labor*	**Freestanding wood stove** Average cost $1,900 (Up to $4,500 depending on consumer taste) +$600 pipe +$600 labor/installation *Note: if a hearth is needed for stove to sit on, add $450*
	Pellet stove insert Average cost $2,500 (Up to $6,000 depending on consumer taste) +$500 liner/pipe +$600 labor/installation	**Wood stove insert** Average cost $2,500 (Up to $4,500 depending on consumer taste) +$600 liner +$600 labor/installation

Note: All of the above costs are rough estimates only and will vary based on products selected and different factors in your home.

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For more information:

- For questions about the Rebate Program, please call Omar Peña at the Marin County Community Development Agency at (415) 473-2797 or opena@marincounty.org.
- For questions on EPA-certified wood stoves or the Air District's Wood Smoke Rule, please call Eric Pop at (415) 749-5172 or epop@baaqmd.gov.
- To learn more about the Air District's Wood Smoke Program see http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Communications-and-Outreach/Air-Quality-in-the-Bay-Area/Wood-Burning.aspx or http://www.sparetheair.org
- For cleaner burning techniques see http://www.epa.gov/burnwise/bestburn.html
- For more information regarding our partners to develop the rebate program:
  - The San Geronimo Valley Planning Group, see http://sgvpg.org/
  - The Hearth, Patio & Barbeque Association and change-out programs, see http://www.woodstovechangeout.org/index.php?id=7