



EASTERN KERN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

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

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WOOD SMOKE REDUCTION PROGRAM GUIDELINES FY 25/26

REQUIREMENTS

The Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control (District) is offering Eastern Kern homeowners rebate vouchers to replace their Non-EPA certified woodstove with a new electric stove heater, EPA certified woodstove, pellet stove, hybrid stove, select non-catalytic woodstove, or to retrofit a fireplace with an eligible EPA certified fireplace insert used as a primary source of heat. Applications will be accepted until grant funds are depleted. Vouchers will be awarded first-come, first-served. A Completed application must be signed by the homeowner and submitted to the District. **Natural gas and propane in-home heating devices are not eligible for funding. No retroactive vouchers will be issued.**

1. The Wood Smoke Reduction Program (WSRP) is only available to Eastern Kern homeowners.
2. The new stove or fireplace insert must be used as a home's primary source of heat.
3. The woodstove being replaced must be uncertified. Any woodstove not having a particulate matter emission standards label affixed or manufactured prior to 1988, is considered uncertified.
4. The new device must be one of the following: electric stove heater, EPA certified woodstove, pellet stove, hybrid stove, select non-catalytic woodstove or similar type fireplace insert.
5. Natural gas or propane in-home heating devices are not eligible for funding.
6. **The Standard Voucher is valued at \$2,500.** 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.
7. **The Enhanced Voucher is valued at \$5,000.** Applicants whose properties are located in designated Low-Income or Disadvantaged Community regions of the District can qualify for the Enhanced Voucher. The Enhanced Voucher is also available to applicants that can demonstrate 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.
8. The new home heating device must be professionally installed in accordance with local fire and building codes by a licensed participating retailer. Please contact the District for a list of participating retailers. The applicant is responsible for scheduling the in-home estimate. Any applicable building permits must be obtained prior to installation of the new device.
No Do-It-Yourself Installations Are Allowed.
9. The applicant must schedule installation with a participating retailer within sixty (60)-days from the voucher issuance date and installation must be completed within one-hundred and twenty (120)-days of the issuance date. The voucher will be applied as an instant rebate off the total cost of the new home heating device. The voucher expiration date may be extended at the discretion of the District.

10. The applicant must provide entry to their property and home for estimate, installation, and inspection. This includes entry of participating retailer, building inspector, and District staff. Failure to do so will result in forfeit of the voucher and any WSRP funds.
11. Old heating device replaced through this program must be removed from service and surrendered to the participating retailer, who will render it permanently inoperable and properly recycle it. The participating retailer shall take a photo of the old heating device prior to removing it, and a photo of the new installed heating device. Photos shall be submitted to the District with claim for payment.
12. Participating retailer or their licensed installer shall provide homeowner training on new device operation and maintenance, and proper wood storage and wood burning practices (if applicable).

HOW TO APPLY

If you own a home located within the District's jurisdiction (see map below and list of communities on page 3 to determine jurisdiction), that uses a fireplace or uncertified woodstove as a primary source of heat, and you have not previously received funding through the WSRP, you are eligible to apply.

Please complete all sections of the WSRP Application (page 4), review and sign the Applicant Certification page (page 5). Include at least one photo of your current non-certified wood burning device and provide a copy of your current utility bill to verify your name and address.

- **Applications must be mailed or hand delivered.**
- **FAXED or Emailed applications will NOT be accepted.**

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	Keysville
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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APPLICATION FY 25/26****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 woodstoves manufactured before 1988 or that do not have EPA certification tag qualify for replacement)

Existing Wood Burning Device	New Certified Device To Be Installed
☐ Non-certified freestanding woodstove	☐ Electric Stove Heater
☐ Non-certified woodstove insert	☐ EPA certified Pellet Stove or Insert
☐ Open hearth fireplace	☐ EPA certified Catalytic Woodstove or Insert
Make/Model (If Known):	☐ Hybrid Woodstove
Year Manufactured (If Known):	☐ Non-Catalytic Woodstove (Must be listed in Table 1)
Cords of wood burned annually:	☐ Standard Voucher: \$2,500
☐ I have included a photograph of my old device.	☐ *Enhanced Voucher: \$5,000

*Property must be located within a designated Low-Income/Disadvantage Community or owner must provide proof of Low-Income eligibility (WIC, LIHEAP, CARE) to qualify for Enhanced Voucher.

Table 1 Eligible Non-Catalytic Woodstoves (These are the only eligible non-catalytic woodstoves)

Non-Catalytic Woodstove	Model Name	Annual Emission Rate (grams/hr)
Energy Distribution	Invicta Group: Kazan, Kazan GA, Kiara, and Kiara GA	1.8
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HHT/Hearth and Home Tech	21M-ACC-C, Discovery-1-C	1.7
Hearth and Home Technologies	Quadra Fire Expedition II and Vermont Castings Montpelier II	1.8

DATE RECEIVED	Validation (for EKAPCD use)
	Eligible for Funding: Yes No
	Voucher Amount: _____
	Date: _____

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I certify the following:

1. I understand that only a currently installed and operating non-EPA certified woodstove or fireplace used as a primary source of heat is eligible for replacement/upgrading under this program.
2. I understand that I must be the homeowner and limited to receiving one rebate voucher per address.
3. I understand that applications are processed in the order they are received, vouchers will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis, funding is limited, and a voucher rebate is not guaranteed.
4. I understand the voucher must be redeemed within 60-days from the date of its issuance and work must be completed within 120-days. Voucher expiration date may be extended at the discretion of the District but is not guaranteed. No retroactive vouchers are available.
5. I understand applications will only be accepted for homes located in Eastern Kern County (see Map on page 2 and Community List on page 3).
6. I understand that the only eligible new replacement non-catalytic woodstoves are listed in Table 1 of the application. Purchase of a non-catalytic woodstove not included in Table 1 will not be reimbursed.
7. I understand I must surrender my old heating device to the installer/retailer upon installation of the new heating device.
8. I understand the heating device purchased with funds from this program must be professionally installed by a licensed contractor, and that there may be additional costs for installation including a local permit. Installations must comply with all local fire and building codes.
9. I understand the participating retailer installing the new heating device is responsible for properly disposing and recycling of the old heating device.
10. I understand I must arrange and allow all post inspections to verify completed work within 45-days of completed installation. This includes providing entry onto my property and into my home.
11. I understand that I am responsible for paying the retailer any cost exceeding my voucher amount associated with the purchase price and installation of the new certified heating device.
12. I understand that I will forfeit my voucher if I provide the District with any false information or fail to obtain any required permit or if any required information is not submitted to the District prior to the expiration date listed on the voucher.
13. I understand the District does not warranty any heating devices purchased under this voucher program, including, but not limited to, the quality or functionality of the device.
14. I understand that proper wood burning practices (e.g., burning only dry, seasoned wood), proper stove installation, and proper operation are critical to the effectiveness of my new device.
15. I agree to receive training on the new heating device operation and maintenance, and proper wood storage and wood burning practices (if applicable) from the participating retailer/installer.
16. I understand that the District may inspect all work and associated records.
17. I understand 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: _____