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Noncompliant properties now eligible for Town's 'Woodstove Replacement Program'

Town of Mammoth Lakes, CA – Do you need to replace an old woodstove or fireplace? Property owners in the Town of Mammoth Lakes who previously were not qualified for woodstove replacement subsidies may now be eligible through the Town's Woodstove Replacement Program!

Properties purchased since 1990 and still relying on old, pre-1990 wood burning systems (free-standing woodstoves, inserts, or open fireplaces) may now qualify for \$500 toward the cost of a new, EPA-compliant system (wood, pellet, or gas).

Woodstoves and open fireplaces older than 1990 do not comply with Town Code 8.30.050 if used in properties that have sold since 1990. Town Code 8.30.050 was adopted in 1990 and requires the replacement of pre-1990 wood burning systems with EPA-compliant heating systems upon property sale.

Since 1990, many properties have been sold without replacing these old woodstoves and open fireplaces. The Town has been working to identify and bring these noncompliant properties into compliance. Toward that end, the Town is now funding this 'amnesty program' by providing \$500 for every noncompliant wood burning system replaced with a new, EPA-compliant system. No penalties for past noncompliance will apply under this amnesty program.

Funding for this effort is available through the Town's 'Environmental Public Benefit Funds,' provided by the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District. Implemented late last summer, the Program funded upgrades only for properties in compliance with Town Code 8.30 and resulted in the replacement of over 90 wood burning systems to date.

With limited funds remaining, this amnesty program has been launched to encourage noncompliant property owners to voluntarily come into compliance prior to enforcement efforts. This offer is available on a 'first come, first served' basis only while funds last. All interested property owners are encouraged to immediately contact a participating business for more information.

Funding for compliant properties will continue to remain open while funds last.

For more information and program participation, please contact one of the following participating businesses:

- Alpine Stove & Mercantile (call 760/934-4416)
- Angelo's Stove & Chimney (call 760/937-0860)
- Clean Sweep (call 760/934-3453)
- High Country Lumber (call 760/873-5874. Ask to speak with Kim Jones)
- Batchelder Enterprises (call 760/873-3800 for kerosene heating systems only)

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