



TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES WOODSMOKE REDUCTION PROGRAM VOUCHER APPLICATION

HOW THE VOUCHER PROGRAM WORKS

1. The Town of Mammoth Lakes (Town) is offering vouchers to replace non-EPA certified wood stoves, fireplace inserts, or open-hearth fireplaces **used as a primary source of heat** with new, cleaner-burning devices. The new device may be an EPA-certified wood or pellet freestanding stove or insert, a natural gas or propane or electric heating device, or a ductless mini-split heat pump.

Applications for rebate vouchers will be accepted until project dollars are depleted. **Please include a photo of the currently installed older stove, fireplace insert, or fireplace.** The completed applications must be signed by the homeowner (and tenant if applicable) and submitted to the Town.

2. The Standard Voucher is valued at **\$2,000**. Please be aware that the Standard Voucher amount **may not** cover the entire cost of the new EPA certified device, installation, required permits and any code upgrades that may be required.
3. The Enhanced Voucher is valued at **\$4,000**. Applicants are eligible for an Enhanced Voucher if the applicant participates in a Low Income program (WIC, CARE, LIHEAP), or if the household income is below State Income Limits for Low Income. The applicant can bring supporting documents for Town review when submitting the application.
4. The program is available to both homeowners and tenants. In the case of rental properties, formal approval from the property owner will be required as part of the Application.
5. The applicant may redeem the voucher from participating retailers only. The voucher must be redeemed within ninety (90) days from the date of issuance. The voucher expiration date may be extended at the discretion of the Town. Vouchers will be applied as an instant rebate off the total price of the stove and installation. The applicant will schedule an in-home estimate with a participating retailer. The retailer will verify the stove's eligibility and present an estimate to the Applicant. No retroactive rebates are allowed.
6. New devices must be professionally installed by a licensed installer in accordance with local fire and building codes. A building permit must be obtained prior to installation of the new device. No do-it-yourself installations are allowed under this program. Installations must occur within ninety (90) days of voucher issuance. The installation expiration date may be extended at the discretion of the Town.
7. Older stoves that were replaced through the program must be permanently removed from service and surrendered to the participating retailer, who will render them inoperable and coordinate their disposal and recycling. The participating retailer will take a photo of the older stove prior to removing it and upon its destruction and will also take a photo of the replacement stove after it is installed. If the new installation is a freestanding unit to replace usage of an open fireplace, the fireplace must be rendered permanently inoperable, and photographic evidence of such submitted.
8. Participating retailers and/or their licensed installers will provide training on proper wood storage and wood burning practices (if applicable) and device operation and maintenance.
9. This voucher program is supported by the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (GBUAPCD).

HOW TO APPLY

All sections of the Voucher Application Form (pages 3 and 4, plus photograph, Owner/Tenant agreement if applicable) must be completed. An application is not “submitted” unless and until all required parts are complete and submitted. A copy should be retained by the Applicant for their records. The voucher program is not responsible for materials lost by mail. Please review the program terms prior to signing below. Submit your completed application with attachments by email, mail, or hand delivery to:

Town of Mammoth Lakes
Woodsmoke Reduction Program
437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230
PO Box 1609
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

mpeterka@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov

VOUCHER APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ Owner Renter

Physical Home Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email (if available): _____

Existing Wood Burning Device:

Make/Model: _____ Year Manufactured/Age: _____

I have included a photograph of my old device to be replaced

My old device is a (check one): Non-certified freestanding woodstove
 Non-certified woodstove insert
 Open fireplace

New device to be installed (check one): EPA certified woodstove/insert Certified Pellet Stove
 Propane Electric Ductless mini-split heat pump

Incentive Level:

- Standard Incentive: \$2,000
- Enhanced Incentive: \$4,000 (indicate qualification below)
 - Proof of participation in a federal or state income assistance program (WIC, CARE, LIHEAP) (backup documentation required)
 - Low Income without participation in assistance program(s) (backup documentation required)

Additional Information:

1. Which approved retailer will you be using? A Better Fireplace Manor True Value Hardware
2. How did you hear about the Program?

3. Why are you applying? (Please check all that apply.)
 - Not satisfied with current device
 - To reduce pollution
 - To save money
 - Other: _____
4. Was the rebate a significant factor in replacing your stove? Yes No
5. In a typical heating season, how many cords of wood do you typically burn? _____
6. Is your current device used as a primary source of heat (>50% winter use)? Yes No
7. Is the residence used as a short-term rental? Yes No
8. Is the residence a long-term rental? Yes No

VOUCHER APPLICATION FORM (continued)

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:

I certify the following:

- a. I understand that only a currently installed and operating non-EPA certified wood burning device used as a source of heat is eligible to be replaced under this program.
- b. I understand that participants are limited to receiving one rebate voucher per address.
- c. I understand that applications are processed in the order they are received. Rebates will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Funding is limited; rebates are not guaranteed. The voucher will only be valid for ninety (90) days from the date of its issuance. No retroactive rebates are available. The voucher expiration date may be extended at the discretion of the Town.
- d. I understand that applications may only be accepted for devices located in Mammoth Lakes, California.
- e. I understand that if I qualify, I will receive a voucher and a current list of participating retailers who will honor the voucher if it is submitted by the expiration date written on the voucher.
- f. The participating retailer who installs the new device is responsible for properly dismantling and disposing of the old device.
- g. If I choose to replace a device with funds from this program, I will make a commitment to purchase a device from a participating retailer and authorize the retailer to forward to the Town a notification of the purchase agreement, with verification that my existing wood burning device is not EPA-certified.
- h. I understand that devices purchased with funds from this program must be professionally installed by a licensed installer and that there may be additional costs for installation including a permit from the Town for installation. Installations must comply with all local fire and building codes. The installation must be coordinated and certified by the participating retailer and must be completed within ninety (90) days of redeeming the voucher. The installation expiration date may be extended at the discretion of the Town.
- i. I understand that I am responsible to pay the retailer for the purchase price and installation of my new device, less the voucher amount.
- j. I understand that I will forfeit my voucher if I provide the Town with false information or fail to obtain any required permit or if the required information is not submitted to the Town prior to the expiration date listed on the voucher.
- k. The Town does not warranty any devices purchased under this voucher program, including, but not limited to, the quality or functionality of the device.
- l. I understand that proper wood burning practices (e.g., burning only dry, seasoned wood) and proper stove installation and operation (e.g., maintaining a hot fire) are critical to the effectiveness of my new device. I further agree to receive training on proper wood storage and wood burning practices (if applicable) and device operation and maintenance from the participating retailer or installer.
- m. I understand that the Town, GBUAPCD, CAPCOA, and the State of California may inspect all work and associated records with 30-day advanced notice.
- n. 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:** _____