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Air District's Incentive Program Now Open to Everyone

(Davis, CA) – The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (District) is now opening up their Wood Smoke Reduction Program to all residents by offering \$1000 vouchers to replace their old, non-EPA certified wood stove, fireplace insert or open-hearth fireplace with an EPA certified woodstove/insert or natural gas, propane, or electric heating device.

Residents must live within the District's boundaries, which encompasses all of Yolo County and the northeastern portion of Solano County that includes Dixon, Rio Vista, and Vacaville, and must use their current, old, non EPA certified wood stove, fireplace insert, or open hearth fireplace as the primary source of heat in the home.

To apply for the \$1000 incentive, residents will need to:

1. Fill out an application
2. Take a picture of their existing device (to be replaced)

Applicants do not need to be homeowners to be eligible; this program is available to both homeowners and renters. For rental properties, formal approval from the property owner will be required as part of the approval process.

Low income residents are still eligible to receive the larger \$3500 voucher, as long as they meet the following requirements: participation in a low-income assistance program (WIC, CARE, or LIHEAP) or make a total household income of less than \$49,454 a year.

Approved applicants will receive a voucher to be redeemed at a participating retailer.

"We hope that residents take advantage of this great incentive," says Public Information Officer Jenny Tan. "As we are head into Fall and Winter, residents should consider replacing their old devices with something that will burn cleaner and pollute less."

This program was created to help reduce the air pollution that comes from wood smoke, which contains fine particulate matter (PM2.5), black carbon, toxic air contaminants and greenhouse gas emissions. During winter months, weather conditions and elevated uses of fireplaces and

wood stoves raises the levels of fine particulate matter in the air and traps wood smoke closer to the ground and the air people breathe.

For more information about this program or to apply, call the District office: (530) 757-3650, email: woodstove@ysaqmd.org or visit the District's website: <https://www.ysaqmd.org/incentives/wood-smoke-reduction-program/>.

This project is supported by the California Climate Investments (CCI) program, a statewide initiative that puts Cap-and-Trade dollars to work by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment. For more information about the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, including signing up for air quality alerts and the monthly newsletter, visit: www.ysaqmd.org. Connect with the District on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/YoloSolanoAir or on Twitter at: www.twitter.com/YoloSolanoAir.

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