

## AQMD

CRP joins forces with the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District and the State of California Department of Community Services & Development to provide a unique new program in Sacramento County – the Low-income Wood Stove & Fireplace Change Out Program. Low-income residents of Sacramento County who have a wood-burning fireplace or wood stove in their homes and who are eligible for CRP's weatherization services will now also be eligible to receive natural gas or EPA certified wood burning device free of charge. Participants can be either homeowners or renters.

This low-income program is the first of its kind in the United States. It reduces air pollution, improves indoor and outdoor air quality, increases the home's energy efficiency and minimizes its carbon footprint at no cost to the participant. There are no hidden fees.

To determine your eligibility for CRP's services, please contact our weatherization department at (916) 567-5220 ext. 2229 and mention the fireplace insert change out program.

Wood smoke generated from residential wood burning is a common source of particulate matter, hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides and toxic air contaminants. It causes almost 50% of the PM 2.5 emissions in Sacramento County. This fine particulate matter is scientifically linked to serious health impacts including difficulty breathing, decreased lung function, heart attacks, acute and chronic bronchitis, asthma attacks, upper respiratory illnesses and premature death in people with heart or lung disease.

*For residents who wish to change out an old polluting wood burning device, but who don't meet our low-income guidelines, the SMAQMD still offers an incentive of up to \$750 towards the cost of replacing an old wood stove or fireplace with a cleaner burning device. Call (916) 440-WOOD (916-440-9663) for information or visit [www.AirQuality.org](http://www.AirQuality.org).*

To find out the daily Check Before You Burn status, call 877-NOBURN-5 (877-662-8765) or visit [www.SpareTheAir.com](http://www.SpareTheAir.com) or [www.AirQuality.org](http://www.AirQuality.org).

A cleaner burning fire will still warm your home while emitting less harmful pollution into the air, which helps everyone breathe easier all winter long.

