

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, MAINE WOODSTOVE CHANGEOUT PROGRAM FACT SHEET



GENERAL INFORMATION

Approximately \$150,000 will be available in vouchers to help with the purchase of a new EPA certified wood stove, EPA certified pellet, gas stove or heat pump to replace their non-EPA certified wood stove (2000 or older), or hydronic heater. Vouchers are for \$1000 toward a new EPA certified wood stove; \$1500 if changing a hydronic heater to a wood stove; \$2000 for an EPA certified wood, pellet, gas stove or heat pump if changing from a wood stove or hydronic heater; and \$3000 for income qualified participants. Income qualified vouchers may be used for an EPA certified wood, pellet, gas stove or heat pump; \$4000 for replacement of a hydronic heater with a new EPA Phase II hydronic heater or indoor ENERGY STAR gas furnace, \$5000 for hydronic heater if income qualified; \$300 for the retrofit of an existing wood stove with a new catalyst.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a resident and homeowner in Cumberland County, Maine.
- Must be currently using a non-EPA certified wood stove (pre-2000) as a home heating source. Coal and cook stove replacements are not included. Wood stoves in workshops and sheds do not qualify. Workplaces, rental properties, seasonal or part-time properties are not eligible to apply. **NOTE: If trading out a hydronic heater individuals, churches, greenhouses and schools may apply.**
- Must trade in your old non-EPA certified wood stove or catalyst for a new EPA certified wood, pellet, gas stove or heat pump only at participating retailers. List will be supplied; or
- Must trade in your hydronic heater for a new ENERGY STAR gas furnace or EPA certified phase II hydronic heater at a participating retailer. List will be supplied.

To receive an "Income Qualified" voucher, you MUST provide proof of current participation in state Medicaid or a federal means-tested program that determines eligibility using the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines, such as:

- *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);*
- *Head Start;*
- *National School Lunch Program;*
- *Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC);*
- *Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);*
- *Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons; or*
- *other proof of "low income," defined as income between 100% and 185% of the federal poverty level under the HHS Poverty Guidelines.*

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

- Must have new EPA certified stove, furnace or parts professionally installed in compliance with all relevant building and fire codes. No do-it-yourself option.
- Must fully complete a voucher application form including a photo of the existing stove/hydronic heater/catalyst and any documentation required if applying for an income qualified voucher. Documentation should be a copy of your current Medicaid card (front and back), copy of an official letter certifying that you are currently participating in the federal means-tested program that determines eligibility using the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines.

Application and supporting documents should be **mailed** to:

American Lung Association
c/o Michelle Edwards
122 State Street
Augusta, Maine 04330; or

Email: Michelle.Edwards@Lung.org

- Must have the voucher in hand when entering into a purchase and sale agreement with a participating retailer. The agreement should be made prior to the expiration of the voucher (4 week period). The new heating appliance does NOT have to be installed within that timeframe, but must be within 30 days of the expiration date of the voucher.
- Vouchers will be available on a first come, first served basis and only received by the American Lung Association via mail or email. **No walk-ins.** Postmark and email delivery dates will be used to establish the voucher fulfillment list and waiting list.
- Limit of one voucher per household.

RETAILER INFORMATION

Interested retailers are asked to contact **Michelle Edwards** via email at Michelle.Edwards@Lung.org (preferred) or by phone **1-888-241-6566, ext. 0304** for an application to participate.

Retailers **DO NOT** need to have their business located in Cumberland County, but need to provide service in that county.



Burning wood produces emissions that are widely recognized as harmful to human health. Many of these harmful emissions can occur both indoors and outdoors and many devices operate around the clock. People with lung disease face special risks, but so do children, older adults, people with cardiovascular disease and diabetics.

**VOUCHERS AVAILABLE NOW.
ACT NOW TO SAVE.**