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Additional Rebates Available to Change out Old Woodstoves!

Here's how you can save some money now and reduce harmful air pollution!

Thousands of dollars in rebates are now available for replacing your old wood stove. Huge savings are available through Federal, Provincial and Regional rebate programs for completing energy efficient upgrades, plus you can save money every year from lower heating and cooling costs.

The *Great Okanagan Woodstove Change Out Program* is one rebate available for residents of the Regional District Central Okanagan. Until the end of 2011, residents are eligible for \$250 rebates for recycling their non-EPA certified woodstove and replacing it with a new cleaner technology electric, pellet, gas or wood stove or insert. Since 2001, the exchange program has helped clean up our air by assisting more than 1,500 people in replacing their old smoky wood stove for a cleaner technology product.

The Federal ecoEnergy rebate program also offers rebates for woodstove exchanges and has been extended until March 31, 2012. Registered participants can qualify for a \$375 rebate for replacing a wood burning appliance with an EPA certified wood burning appliance, pellet stove or masonry heater. Program participants are also encouraged to complete other energy efficiency upgrades, and can qualify for up to \$5,000 in rebates.

The Provincial efficiency incentive program, LiveSmart BC, has also been extended until March 31, 2013. Registered participants can qualify for a \$500 rebate for replacing an existing wood stove or gas fireplace with a pellet stove that meets or exceeds Washington State emission standards. The LiveSmart program also offers thousands of dollars in incentives for completing energy efficient upgrades.

Residents that live in FortisBC service areas may also qualify for a \$300 rebate on the purchase and installation of an EnerChoice fireplace until May 31, 2012. For more information on this and other FortisBC incentives and programs for energy efficiency, visit www.fortisbc.com.

To qualify for the Federal or Provincial rebate, you must have an energy audit completed by a certified energy advisor before starting any upgrades and again after completion. The energy advisor will assist you through the process to ensure that you meet all requirements for Federal and Provincial rebates. A list of certified energy advisors can be found at www.livesmartbc.ca or by calling 1-866-430-8765.

For more information on the local woodstove rebates and other Regional Air Quality Program initiatives in the Central Okanagan visit: regionaldistrict.com/airquality.

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