

Heat Clean Program APPLICATION

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The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District) is offering vouchers for households to replace an uncertified wood-burning heater (fireplace, fireplace insert, or stove) with an electric heater (electric fireplace insert or heat pump).

HOW TO APPLY

1. Please review the Program Terms on pages 1 through 3.
2. Fill out the information (sections A-E) and sign the Applicant Certification on page 6.
3. Submit this completed application, pictures of your heater, and applicable supporting documents (see next section) to the District by email heatclean@sbcapcd.org or mail or drop off in person to:
 - a. Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, ATTN: LEEF Program, 260 N. San Antonio Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110
 - b. Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, ATTN: LEEF Program, 1101 West McCoy Lane, Santa Maria CA, 93455

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO INCLUDE WITH APPLICATION

1. This signed application.
2. Photographs of your existing wood heater (fireplace, wood stove, or wood-burning fireplace insert), showing that it is currently installed in the home and operational. If the heater is a stove or fireplace insert, please provide photos of the front and back of the unit as well as the unit's identification plate displaying the make and model.
3. If you are applying for the Enhanced Voucher, please provide documentation showing that your household qualifies (see Section D of the application below).
4. If your heater replacement project is receiving funds/grants from another program, please attach documentation specifying other funding sources and amounts.
5. If the household is a rental unit, please provide the Owner/Tenant Agreement.

PROGRAM TERMS

1. **Existing Heater Eligibility:** A household is eligible to participate in the program if they currently use a wood-burning heater (open-hearth fireplace, uncertified fireplace insert, or uncertified stove) as one of the primary heat sources in the home.
 - a. All open-hearth fireplaces qualify for the Program as long as they are used as one of the primary heat sources in the home and are operable.
 - b. Existing fireplace inserts and stoves must be *uncertified* by the EPA to qualify for this Program. To determine if your fireplace insert or stove is uncertified check the stove/insert model against the list of EPA current and historical list of certified wood heaters¹ and check the back of the stove/insert for a certification label. Stoves that do not have any label describing particulate

¹ www.epa.gov/compliance/epa-certified-wood-heater-database



matter emission standards will qualify for this Program. Wood stoves certified by the U.S. EPA to comply with the particulate emission standards are not eligible for this Program.

2. **New Heater Eligibility:** The new replacement heater must be an electric heat pump or electric fireplace insert. Natural gas and propane heaters such as gas fireplace inserts are not eligible for this Program. Portable home heating devices not permanently affixed to the home structure are not eligible.
3. **Application Review:** Applications for vouchers will be accepted until project dollars are depleted. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.
4. **Voucher Types and Maximum Incentive Amounts:**

Replacement Heater	Standard Voucher	Enhanced Voucher
Electric Air-source Heat Pump	\$5,000	\$12,000
Electric Fireplace Insert	\$2,500	\$7,000

- a. The Standard Voucher is not to exceed **\$5,000** for replacement with an electric heat pump and not to exceed **\$2,500** for replacement with an electric fireplace insert. Please be aware that the Standard Voucher amount **will not** cover the entire cost of the new heating device, installation, required permits, and any code upgrades that may be required.
 - b. The Enhanced Incentive Voucher is not to exceed **\$12,000** for replacement with an electric heat pump and not to exceed **\$7,000** for replacement with an electric fireplace insert. Applicants are eligible for an Enhanced Incentive Voucher if their household is located in a low-income or disadvantaged community or on tribal lands as determined by this state map: https://gis.carb.arb.ca.gov/portal/apps/experiencebuilder/experience/?id=5dc1218631fa46bc8d340b8e82548a6a&page=Priority-Populations-4_0. The applicant can still qualify for an Enhanced Incentive Voucher if they are located outside of this area by choosing one of the following two options:
 - i. The applicant can provide proof of participation in a federal or state low-income assistance program such as the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program with a participating California utility company, OR the Dept. of Agriculture Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program, OR the Dept. of Health and Human Services Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The applicant must provide supporting documents showing proof of participation in the low-income program with submittal of the application.
 - ii. The applicant can provide tax return transcripts, pay stubs, or social security statements showing that the adjusted gross income of their household in 2025 did not exceed the County-specific California Department of Housing and Community Development low-income limits as referenced in Section D below.
5. **Stacking Funds with Other Incentive Programs:** Incentives offered by other programs can be combined with funds from this Program provided the sum of all incentives do not exceed the actual cost of the heater replacement project and the project conforms to all Program requirements. Applicants must note all other funding sources in the application and provide supporting documentation.
 6. **Projects in Rental Units:** The program is available to both homeowners and tenants. In the case of rental properties, formal approval from the property owner and renter will be required by having both parties



sign this Voucher Application as well as the Owner/Tenant Agreement. Applicants with multiple households are subject to a maximum total amount of \$30,000 for all combined project vouchers.

7. **Participating Installers:** The applicant must work with a participating installer only. A list of participating installers will be provided to the applicant upon voucher issuance. Self-installation of heating devices is not allowed. After receiving a voucher, the applicant will schedule an in-home estimate with a participating installer. Participating installers will apply the voucher amount as an instant rebate off the total price of the new heater and installation. No retroactive rebates are allowed.
8. **Voucher Expiration:** The installation project must be completed before the voucher expiration date within 120 days of voucher issuance. The voucher expiration date may be extended at the discretion of the District.
9. **Building Permits:** New heaters must be professionally installed by a participating installer in accordance with local fire and building codes. A building permit or comparable permit for the jurisdiction must be obtained prior to installation of the new device, as required by the city or County building department. If the project is in a mobile or manufactured home, the required permit must be obtained through the California Department of Housing and Community Development.
10. **Destruction of Original Heater:** Applicants who choose replacement with a heat pump may keep their original heater to use only in case of an emergency during a power outage. Applicants who are not choosing a heat pump as their replacement heater must have their original heater permanently removed from service and rendered inoperable. If the original heater is a wood fireplace insert and the applicant is choosing a new electric fireplace insert, the original wood fireplace insert must be surrendered to the participating installer for recycling. The table below outlines the different destruction requirements based on the original and new heater swapped out for the Program:

Original Heater	New Heater	Destruction Requirements
Fireplace	Heat Pump	Able to leave fireplace to use in case of emergencies
	Electric Fireplace Insert	Fireplace capped
Wood Stove	Heat Pump	Able to leave wood stove to use in case of emergencies
Wood Fireplace Insert	Heat Pump	Able to leave wood fireplace insert to use in case of emergencies
	Electric Fireplace Insert	Wood fireplace insert must be recycled

11. **New Heater Training:** Participating installers will provide training on proper operation and maintenance of the new heater.
12. **Program Funding:** This voucher program was supported by the California Climate Investments (CCI) Program. This voucher program is subject to state requirements and agreements with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the California Air Pollution Control Officer’s Association (CAPCOA).

A. Homeowner (or Tenant) Information:

1. Name:
2. Physical Address of Residence with Wood-Burning Heater:
3. Mailing Address (if different):
4. Phone Number:
5. Email:

B. Existing Wood-Burning Heater to be Replaced:

1. My existing heater is a (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Wood fireplace <input type="checkbox"/> *Uncertified wood fireplace insert <input type="checkbox"/> *Uncertified wood stove <p>*Fireplace inserts and Stoves must not be EPA-certified. They must be manufactured before 1988 and/or do not have a U.S. EPA certification label on the back specifying emission rates. The stove model can also be checked against this list of EPA-certified Wood Stoves at www.epa.gov/compliance/epa-certified-wood-heater-database. If your current stove or insert is EPA-certified, it is not eligible for this Program.</p>
2. Make/Model (for fireplace inserts and wood stoves):
2. Year of Manufacture (fireplace inserts and wood stoves) or Estimate of Age (fireplace):
3. Is your existing heater used as a primary source of heat? ² Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Is your existing heater operable? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
5. In an average heating season, how much wood do you typically burn? _____ cords (4 ft. x 4 ft. x 8 ft.) per year OR _____ bundles per week

C. New Heater:

1. My new heater will be a (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Electric air-source heat pump <input type="checkbox"/> Electric fireplace insert
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² The existing heater must be used as a primary source of heat to qualify but it does not have to be the only heat source in the household.

D. Incentive Level:

1. Please select which voucher type you are applying for:

- Standard Voucher:** not to exceed \$5,000 for replacement with an electric heat pump and not to exceed \$2,500 for replacement with an electric fireplace insert.
- Enhanced Incentive Voucher (low income):** not to exceed \$12,000 for replacement with a heat pump and not to exceed \$7,000 for replacement with an electric fireplace insert. If applying for an Enhanced Incentive Voucher, please indicate your qualification below (select one):
 - Household located in a low-income or disadvantaged community or on tribal lands as determined by this state map:
https://gis.carb.arb.ca.gov/portal/apps/experiencebuilder/experience/?id=5dc1218631fa46bc8d340b8e82548a6a&page=Priority-Populations-4_0
 - Proof of participation in a federal or state income assistance program (WIC, CARE, or LIHEAP)
 - Adjusted gross income of household in 2025 did not exceed the County-specific California Department of Housing and Community Development low-income limits as specified below. Copies of tax return transcripts, pay stubs, or social security statements for every member of the household will be provided with the application.

Income Limits Based on Household Size					
# Persons in Household	1	2	3	4	5
Income Limits	\$98,850	\$113,000	\$127,100	\$141,200	\$152,500

E. Additional Information:

1. Are you receiving any other sources of funding for your heater replacement project? If so, please list the sources of funding and their amounts. Attach documentation specifying other funding sources and amounts:

2. How did you hear about the Program?

3. Why are you applying? (Please check all that apply.)

- Not satisfied with current device
- To save money
- To reduce pollution
- Other:

4. Are you willing to share your experience with the program if we contact you after? Yes No



F. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:

I certify the following:

1. I understand that only a currently installed and operating uncertified wood-burning heater used as a primary source of heat is eligible to be replaced under this Program.
2. I understand that applicants are limited to receiving one voucher per household. Applicants with multiple households are subject to a maximum total amount of \$30,000 for all combined project vouchers. Households that have received funding under this Program in the past are not eligible to receive funding for another change-out.
3. I understand that for rental properties, formal approval from the property owner will be required as part of the application by having both parties sign the Owner/Tenant Agreement.
4. I understand that applications are only accepted for devices installed at residences in Santa Barbara County.
5. I understand that applications are processed in the order they are received. Vouchers will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Funding is limited and not guaranteed. The Voucher will only be valid for 120 days from the date of its issuance. The Voucher expiration date may be extended at the discretion of the District. No retroactive rebates are available.
6. I understand that if I qualify, I will receive a Voucher and a current list of participating installers who will honor the Voucher. I will work with the participating installer to complete the project before the voucher expiration date.
7. I understand that devices purchased with funds from this Program will be professionally installed by a licensed installer and that there may be additional costs for installation including any required permits for installation. Installations must comply with all local fire and building codes.
8. I understand that I am responsible to pay the installer for any additional balance above the voucher amount.
9. I understand that I will forfeit my Voucher if I provide the District with false information, fail to obtain a required permit, or if the Voucher is not used prior to its expiration date.
10. The District does not warranty any devices purchased under this voucher program including, but not limited to, the quality or functionality of the heater.
11. I agree to receive training on device operation and maintenance from the participating installer.
12. I understand that the District, CAPCOA, and the State of California may inspect all work and associated records with 30-day advanced notice.
13. Applications will be treated in accordance with Public Records Act requirements. Certain information, subject to those requirements, may be publicly disclosed.

Owner Name:	
Owner Signature:	Date:
Tenant Name (If applicable):	
Tenant Signature (if applicable):	Date:

