

REBATE APPLICATION FORM

How the Rebate Program Works

1. The ALAMA is offering rebate vouchers valued between \$1,500 and \$3,000 to homeowners of Holyoke, South Hadley, Easthampton or Northampton, MA for replacement of currently operating non-EPA-certified woodstoves with new certified wood, pellet or gas stoves.

To qualify for a rebate voucher, the homeowner must first complete the application below. Applications for rebate vouchers will be accepted until December 29, 2012 or until funds are depleted. Please include a photo of the currently installed non-certified woodstove. Completed applications must be signed by the homeowner and either mailed or hand delivered with attachments to the program coordinator at the address below.

2. The Holyoke Region Woodstove Changeout Project Coordinator will review the applications to determine if the preliminary qualification requirements have been met. Qualified applicants will receive a rebate voucher worth \$1,500 for a new woodstove and \$2,000 towards a new pellet or gas stove. Rebate vouchers will be valid for four (4) weeks. Special low income vouchers of up to \$3,000 are available to those who can show proof of participation in the low income fuel assistance, Women Infants and Children (WIC) program, or Medicaid and the time of application. Rebate vouchers will be valid for four (4) weeks.
3. The homeowner may use the rebate voucher to purchase a new certified stove from a participating dealer, provided the voucher has not expired. Vouchers will be applied as an instant rebate off the total price of the stove. No retroactive rebates are allowed.
4. New stoves must be professionally installed in accordance with local fire and building codes. The EPA recommends that installers be National Fireplace Institute (or an equivalent organization). The installation must be coordinated and certified by the participating retailer. No do-it-yourself installations.
5. Old stoves must be permanently removed from service and surrendered to the participating retailer, who will render them inoperable and coordinate their disposal and recycling.
6. The participating retailer will take a photo of the existing non-certified woodstove prior to removing it and will also take a photo of the new stove after it is installed.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify the following:

- a. I understand that only currently installed and operating non-EPA certified woodstoves are eligible to be replaced under this program.
- b. I understand that participants are limited to receiving one rebate voucher per address.
- c. I understand that applications are processed in the order they are received. Rebates will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Funding is limited, therefore rebates are not guaranteed. The voucher will only be valid for three weeks from the date of its issuance. No retroactive rebates are available.
- d. I understand that applications may only be accepted for residences in Holyoke, South Hadley, Easthampton or Northampton, MA.
- e. I understand that if I qualify, I will receive a voucher and a list of participating retailers who will honor the voucher if it is submitted by the expiration date written on the voucher.
- f. I will be replacing an operable non-EPA certified woodstove that is currently in use in my residence. The old woodstove will be removed and disposed of at a recycling facility approved by the program to ensure that it will be properly taken out of service and recycled. The participating retailer who installs the new stove is responsible for disposing of the woodstove at the approved recycling facility.
- g. If I choose to purchase a new stove with funds from this program, I will make a commitment to purchase an appliance from a participating retailer within the four (4) week period and authorize the retailer to forward to the ALAMA a notification of the purchase agreement, with verification that my existing woodstove is not EPA-certified
- h. I understand that my new woodstove purchased with funds from this program will be professionally installed and that there will be additional costs for installation and a permit from my community if required for installation. Installations must comply with all local fire and building codes. The EPA recommends that installers be National Fireplace Institute (or an equivalent organization). The installation must be coordinated and certified by the participating retailer.
- i. I understand that I am responsible to pay the retailer for the purchase price and professional installation costs of my new stove, less the rebate amount.
- j. I understand that I will forfeit my voucher if I provide the ALAMA with false information or fail to obtain any required permit or if the required information is not submitted to the ALAMA prior to the expiration date listed on the voucher.
- k. The ALAMA does not warranty any devices purchased under this rebate program, including the quality, functionality or satisfaction of the device.
- l. I understand that proper wood burning practices (e.g., burning only dry seasoned wood) and proper stove operation (e.g., maintaining a hot fire) are critical to the effectiveness of my new stove.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

<p><u>For Office Use Only:</u></p> <p>Voucher #: _____</p> <p>Date Issued: _____</p> <p>Expiration Date: _____</p>
