# Why replace an old, inefficient wood stove?

#### **Reduce Your Taxes**

The state of Idaho offers a tax deduction for replacing old, uncertified wood stoves manufactured before 1992 with new wood stoves certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), pellet stoves, or natural gas or propane heating units.

#### Save Money

EPA-certified wood stoves are more efficient at heating your home. An EPA-certified wood- burning stove that is sized and placed properly with a venting system that delivers adequate draft will reduce wood consumption, produce more usable heat, and reduce maintenance from inefficient fires.

## Improve Air Quality and Protect Your Health

All wood stoves produce wood smoke, which contains both particles and gases. Breathing smoke is not healthy. Small particles – called particulates – can be inhaled deep into the respiratory system where they may cause serious health impacts. Both particulates and gases may contain cancer-causing materials.

EPA-certified wood stoves are cleaner burning. They emit 70 - 90% fewer particulates than conventional wood stoves, which helps protect against the adverse health impacts of breathing smoke.

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#### Web Resources

#### **Wood Stoves**

www.deq.idaho.gov/wood-stoves

Clean Burning Woodstoves and Fireplaces www.epa.gov/burnwise/

# Don't send your dollars up in smoke!



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# Wood Stove Replacements and the Idaho Tax Deduction





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#### Who qualifies for the deduction?

The tax deduction is available to Idaho taxpayers who buy new wood stoves, pellet stoves, natural gas heating units, or propane heating units for their residences to replace old, uncertified wood stoves manufactured before 1992.

#### What conditions must be met?

The cost of a new natural gas or propane heating unit, pellet stove, or wood stove certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may be deducted if:

- the stove or heating unit is for the buyer's residence;
- the stove or heating unit replaces an operable wood stove that does not meet EPA standards;
- the purchase and replacement occur within the same calendar year;
- proof of purchase is obtained; and
- the old wood stove is taken to a DEQ-approved drop-off site no later than 30 days from the date of purchase of the new appliance.

#### How much is the tax deduction?

Forty percent of the total cost – purchase price plus professional installation – may be deducted in the year the wood stove or insert is replaced. During the next three years, 20% of the total cost may be deducted each year. The total annual deduction is limited to \$5,000.

# What is an EPA-certified wood stove?

EPA requires manufacturers to produce clean-burning wood stoves and establish limits on the amount of particulates (smoke) the new stoves can emit. An EPA-certified wood stove must have a permanent label indicating it meets EPA requirements.

#### Are fireplaces included?

No, the tax deduction applies only to the replacement of uncertified wood stoves. A common fireplace is not considered a wood stove.

However, wood-burning fireplace inserts can be considered wood stoves. Therefore, the tax deduction applies if an old fireplace insert is replaced with another meeting current EPA standards. The deduction also applies if a fireplace insert is removed and replaced with a certified wood stove or natural gas or propane heating unit.

## How is proof of purchase obtained?

Proof of purchase is provided when you drop off your old stove at a DEQ-approved site. Notify the site attendant that you are participating in the tax deduction program and ask for a DEQ receipt. Fill out pertinent information and have the attendant sign the completed form. If the old wood stove is dropped off by the installer, the installer is responsible for returning the completed receipt to you.

To be eligible for the tax deduction, send the white copy of the receipt to DEQ and claim the deduction on your Idaho income tax form. Keep the yellow copy with your tax records.

# Why does DEQ approve drop-off sites?

Idaho law requires DEQ to verify that old wood stoves are not reused. DEQ helps prevent reuse of old stoves by managing the drop-off sites. Operators of DEQ-approved drop-off sites must agree to destroy the old wood stoves they collect. The destroyed stoves are typically recycled for scrap. The fire-brick lining must be removed before drop-off.

#### Approved Wood Stove Drop-Off Sites

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|------------------|---|--------------|
| Boise            | Pacific Recycling                         | 208-375-2131 |
| Boise            | TNT Auto Salvage                          | 208-362-4211 |
| Burley           | Pacific Recycling                         | 208-678-2321 |
| Clark Fork       | Bonner Co. Clark Fork<br>Transfer Station | 208-266-0196 |
| Coeur<br>d'Alene | Kootenai Co. Transfer<br>Station          | 208-446-1430 |
| Colburn          | Bonner Co. Colburn<br>Transfer Site       | 208-263-0718 |
| Coolin           | Bonner Co. Dicken-<br>sheet Transfer Site | 208-443-3007 |
| Donnelly         | Valley Co. Landfill                       | 208-634-7712 |
| Idaho Falls      | Pacific Recycling                         | 208-529-4180 |
| Lewiston         | Pacific Recycling                         | 208-743-2181 |
| Moscow           | Latah Sanitation                          | 208-882-5724 |
| Nampa            | Pacific Recycling                         | 208-466-1105 |
| Oldtown          | Bonner Co. Idaho Hill<br>Transfer Site    | 208-437-2741 |
| Pinehurst        | Hopper Recycling                          | 208-682-3830 |
| Pinehurst        | North Idaho Recycling                     | 208-784-6241 |
| Pocatello        | Pacific Recycling                         | 208-233-7720 |
| Sagle            | Bonner Co. Dufort<br>Transfer Site        | 208-265-0978 |
| Salmon           | Lemhi Co. Solid Waste                     | 208-756-6441 |
| Sandpoint        | Pacific Recycling                         | 208-263-2584 |
| Twin Falls       | Pacific Recycling                         | 208-734-7440 |

#### **Questions?**

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