

Kitimat Airshed Group Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program

Qualifying Appliances

Qualifying Original Appliances

The following original appliances qualify for exchange under this Program

- A free-standing non-EPA certified “stove” or a “homemade” or “barrel” stove.
- A so-called “airtight” non-EPA-certified fireplace insert.
- A non-EPA-certified “wood furnace” (ducted, forced air, home heating appliance) – may be replaced by an EPA-certified wood or pellet furnace.
- A wood-burning cook stove.
- As of January 2024, under the CleanBC initiative and emissions reduction goals for BC, natural gas and propane appliances **no longer qualify for rebates under the CWSRP**.

Qualifying Replacement Appliances

The following NEW appliances qualify to replace the non-EPA Appliances:

- A high-efficiency pellet stove, an electric stove, or an EPA-certified clean burning wood stove.
- A high-efficiency pellet insert, an electric insert, or an EPA-certified clean burning wood insert.
- An EPA-certified factory-built fireplace – may ONLY be accepted if it replaces a non-EPA-certified wood stove or inserts (NOT an existing factory-built fireplace).
- An electric heat pump that meets the criteria for BC’s Home Renovation Rebate and Efficiency BC Program <https://app.bchydro.com/hero/HeatPumpLookup>

The following original appliances do NOT qualify for exchange under this Program (program funding will NOT be provided to install these appliances):

- A new insert to an existing open-hearth fireplace that does NOT currently have an insert installed in it. An exchange of an existing wood appliance must take place.
- Factory built (“zero clearance”) fireplaces.
- Wood cook stoves (These are EPA exempt and therefore are not covered by this program. They may be replaced by an EPA-certified stove or other “non-cooking” product within the qualification list above).
- Tin heaters/tent stoves (NOT used in a residential application)
- Natural gas or propane insert of the appliance.

Destroying Original Appliances

You or your contractor are responsible for ensuring that the old appliance can no longer be used or sold again. You must prove that the appliance has been rendered unusable or crushed at a scrap metal facility (provide a photo) or a signed declaration from the facility attendant (add a link to page 3 here). A receipt from the scrap metal facility will

not be accepted as proof that the stove has been destroyed. You can make the stove unusable by removing the doors, breaking the glass, damaging the hinges with a hammer, and bashing in the flue collar (take a photo).