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### **Wood Stove Exchange Program Extended to June 30**

*Options available to help finance and plan wood stove upgrades*

Even though May isn't the traditional time to consider a wood stove or fireplace upgrade, acting now can save you money. The popular \$250 wood stove exchange program is being extended to June 30 – but there are only 50 vouchers left.

The wood stove exchange program is administered by the City of Campbell River in partnership with local retailers. In 2009, the City received a \$20,000 grant from the Ministry of Environment and project partners to fund the program. Vouchers for the rebate are available on a first-come first serve basis.

*“Old, inefficient wood stoves contribute to poor air quality in low lying areas of the City and are a primary cause of fine particulate air pollution,” says Mayor Charlie Cornfield. “These inhalable fine particles can settle in the lungs and contribute to many kinds of respiratory diseases. Through this grant we are able to offer residents a financial incentive to contribute to improving our air quality.”*

On top of the \$250 City rebate, LiveSmart BC also offers \$250 wood stove rebates—one of many rebates for energy efficient upgrades available to residents undertaking a Home Energy Audit by a Natural Resources Canada Certified Energy Advisor. Further rebates are offered by wood stove retailers and manufacturers.

The benefits of switching to high-efficiency appliances, topped with significant rebates, makes upgrading a wood stove both a cost-effective and an environmentally sound decision.

*“I am pleased with the enthusiastic response we've had so far, and hope the last of the 50 vouchers can be handed out in short order,”* adds Mayor Cornfield.

Residents interested in replacing an old, uncertified wood stove or fireplace with a new CSA/EPA-compliant wood, pellet or gas heating appliance are encouraged to contact participating retailers for details on the rebate process. Participating retailers include Bennett Sheet Metal & Heating, Just Wood Stoves, Quality Stoves and Fireplaces Ltd.

Information on the Woodstove Exchange Program, Home Energy Audit rebates and wood heating is available at the City website ([www.campbellriver.ca](http://www.campbellriver.ca)).

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