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Register now for Free *Burn it Smart* workshops and a chance to win big!

Throughout March and April, *Burn it Smart* will host a variety of free family workshops in support of the Campbell River Woodstove Exchange Program. This program offers a \$250 rebate to Campbell River residents who exchange their old, uncertified woodstove for a new CSA/EPA certified wood, pellet or gas heating appliance.

All participants in a *Burn it Smart* workshop will have their names entered for a chance to win a free chimney sweep from Guardian Chimney Services (valued at more than \$100), two cords of dry seasoned wood from Burn Dry Wood (valued at more than \$400) and a selection of door prizes.

Campbell River residents can also enter the prize draw by sending the City a photo of their wood shed and write, in 100 words or less, their top wood burning tips.

"We want to hear wood pile pride stories from the community so that we can pass along the best tips to the public," says Mayor Charlie Cornfield. *"Many people are starting on next winter's wood pile to make sure they have properly seasoned fuel, and others have sure-fire tips to reduce chimney smoke."*

The City will share the top tips at the final workshop and post them on its website.

Local residents can get involved and learn more by participating in one of the upcoming events.

On Mar. 16 or Apr. 13 bring the family to one of the free, fun-filled *Burn It Smart* workshops at Strathcona Gardens from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Learn about efficient wood heating from professionals and enjoy craft activities with your children led by the Power of R waste educators. After the presentation, the whole family can swim for free and participants are automatically entered into the big prize draw. Preregistration is required.

On Mar. 18, join the professionals for a Lunch and Learn at Quality Stoves from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. Bring a bagged lunch and a lawn chair for this toasty *Burn it Smart* fire-side chat. This is another opportunity to be eligible for the big prize draw. Preregistration is required.

Join Dr. Charmaine Enns, Medical Health Officer with the Vancouver Island Health Authority, for the wrap up workshop on Apr. 16 at 3 p.m. at the Campbell River Compost Education Centre (located at 228 South Dogwood Street). This workshop will focus on maintaining a healthy air shed for Campbell River and will showcase the 2011 air quality survey results. The big prize draw will be made at this time, and winners must be in attendance in order to claim their prize. Preregistration is required.

"Our events offer fun, educational opportunities for the entire family, and we encourage everyone to participate," says Councilor Roy Grant, Council liaison to the City's Environmental Advisory Committee. *"Even the most efficient wood burning appliance needs a knowledgeable hand who understands how to burn clean to ensure we have high air quality."*

To preregister for the workshops or to learn more about the woodstove exchange program, please contact Pam Auld at the City of Campbell River at 250-286-5700 or email pam.auld@campbellriver.ca.

Information is also available through our participating retailers: Guardian Chimney Services, Bennett Sheet Metal & Heating, Quality Stoves and Just Gas / Just Wood Stoves.

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