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Wood Stove Conversion Program Fires Up in Salt Lake County on March 1

Program available to Salt Lake County Homeowners making less than \$60k a year

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — [The Wood Stove and Fireplace Conversion Assistance Program](#) will issue 250 awards to eligible Salt Lake County homeowners starting Monday, March 1. The financial incentives will help households earning less than \$60,000 a year convert their fireplace or wood stove into a natural gas, propane fueled, or electric appliance. For homeowners with wood stoves or fireplaces, the program is an opportunity to help reduce wintertime pollution caused by wood burning.

“We are excited to offer Salt Lake County residents the chance to help clear the air in their homes and communities by participating in our wood stove conversion program,” said Joel Karmazyn, wood stove conversion program manager and environmental scientist with DAQ. “Smoke from wood stoves is a significant source of pollution that causes winter inversions. By converting your stove or fireplace, you are helping improve air quality in Salt Lake County.”

The program was developed by the Department of Environmental Quality’s (DEQ) Division of Air Quality (DAQ), and is targeted to counties that experience poor wintertime air quality. Wood smoke contributes to wintertime inversions by releasing volatile organic compounds (VOCs), oxides of nitrogen (NOx), and other fine particulates (PM2.5) as the wood burns.

Registration:

- Registration will open on **Monday, March 1 at 6 a.m.** for Salt Lake County households making \$60,000 or less a year.
- Award reservations are made on a first come, first served basis, and can fill very quickly.

Eligibility:

- Financial incentives are currently available to homeowners in **Salt Lake County only**.
- Fireplaces/wood stoves must be used for a significant amount of home heating. Homeowners who occasionally burn wood in fireplaces/wood stoves are not eligible for this program. Gas logs are not eligible.
- Low-income households can receive up to \$4,000.
- For residential home heating only. Does not apply to attached buildings or garages.

- Projects that have already been completed are not eligible. Homeowners must have a valid award in hand before beginning this program.
- Applicants must be the legal owner of the home. Commercial and rental properties are not eligible.
- Homeowners can use the financial incentive to:
 - Convert an operational wood stove (including pellet) for a gas stove (natural gas, or propane);
 - Convert an operational fireplace to an electric heating appliance.

Full eligibility requirements, income limitations, registration details and other information can be found at stoves.utah.gov.

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