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Make the Natural Gas Switch – Get A Rebate

Air District Offers \$300 and \$500 Rebates to Santa Clara Residents To Retrofit Wood burning Fireplaces and Old Stoves

Santa Clara County residents can make a clean air choice this winter by switching from burning wood to using natural gas. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is offering rebates ranging from \$300 to \$500 to residents who switch from a wood burning appliance to a cleaner natural gas appliance.

The Air District's goal is to change out approximately 1700 old woodstoves and wood burning fireplaces to burn natural gas. Beginning immediately, the following rebates are available:

- \$500 for replacing an older (12 years or older) woodstove with a gas stove,
- \$500 for replacing an older (12 years or older) fireplace insert with a gas insert,
- \$300 for installing a new gas fireplace insert into a pre-existing fireplace box,
- \$300 for retrofitting an existing fireplace box with a new gas line and gas log set. (A new gas line must be installed to be eligible for this rebate)

Wood burning emits 30 percent of the Bay Area's wintertime air pollution, including fine particulate matter which is especially dangerous to health. In colder valley areas such as the South Bay, pollution from wood burning can exceed emission levels from vehicle exhaust. Wood smoke also contains high levels of toxins and carcinogens such as benzene, formaldehyde, dioxin, and carbon monoxide. Using a gas fireplace or stove can reduce these emissions by up to 99 percent.

"Wood burning pollutes not only the outdoor air, but the indoor environment as well," said Jack Broadbent, Executive Officer of the Air District. "Switching from wood burning to burning natural gas is a great clean air choice to make, not only for our families at home but also for our neighbors. Hopefully, these rebates will make that choice even easier," Broadbent said.

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The rebate offer is available only to residents of Santa Clara County and while supplies last. For further information about the program, please contact one of the participating dealers listed below:

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| San Jose | Landmark Window | 1323 South Winchester Blvd. | 408-341-1300 |
| San Jose | Wright Fireside | 1766 West San Carlos Street | 408-298-4030 |
| Santa Clara | Coast Spa & Stove | 921 Laurelwood Road | 408 654-8010 |
| Santa Clara | Davis Distributors | 3379 Stevens Creek Blvd. | 408-249-9000 |
| Sunnyvale | Bay Area Pool & Spa | 850 East El Camino Real | 408-739-3035 |
| Morgan Hill | Monterey Stove | 16195 Monterey Road | 408-778-3455 |
| Campbell | California Window | 2096 Winchester Blvd. | 408-379-9930 |
| Campbell | Jones Masonry & Fireplace | 1049 Dell Ave. | 408-866-6210 |
| Fremont | The Intimate Flame | 37573 Niles Blvd. | 510-797-9768 |
| San Leandro | Top Notch Energy | 1225 Macarthur Blvd. | 510-483-6600 |
| Mountain View | Stove Works | 575 West El Camino Real | 650-969-9001 |

For an updated listing of participating dealers, please visit www.sparetheair.org or call the Air District at 415 749-4791.

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