

# NORTH WESTERN WISCONSIN WOODSTOVE CHANGEOUT PROGRAM FACT SHEET



## GENERAL INFORMATION

Approximately \$255,200 will be available in vouchers to help with the purchase of a new EPA certified wood stove, EPA certified pellet, gas stove or heat pump to replace their non-EPA certified wood stove or hydronic heater with a new indoor ENERGY Star gas furnace. Vouchers are for \$2000 toward a new EPA certified wood stove; \$2500 toward an EPA certified wood, pellet, gas stove or heat pump; and \$4450 for income qualified participants. Income qualified vouchers may be used for an EPA certified wood, pellet, gas stove or heat pump; \$5000 for replacement of a hydronic heater with a new indoor ENERGY STAR gas furnace, \$6000 for hydronic heater if income qualified; \$300 for the retrofit of an existing wood stove with a new catalyst.

## PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a resident and homeowner in Wisconsin Counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer and Washburn; or the Tribal Reservations of the Bad River, the Lac Courte Oreilles, the Red Cliff, the Lac du Flambeau or the St. Croix Chippewa. The vouchers are for the retrofit or replacement of non-EPA certified wood stoves with new, cleaner burning devices.
- Must be currently using a non-EPA certified wood stove as a home heating source. Coal and cook stove replacements are not included. Wood stoves in workshops and sheds do not qualify. Workplaces, rental properties, seasonal or part-time properties are not eligible to apply.  
**NOTE: If trading out a hydronic heater individuals, churches, greenhouses and schools may apply.**
- Must trade in your old non-EPA certified wood stove, heater or catalyst for a new EPA certified wood, pellet, gas stove or heat pump only at participating retailers. List will be supplied; or
- Must trade in your hydronic heater for a new ENERGY STAR gas furnace at participating retailers. List will be supplied.

**\* To receive an "Income Qualified" voucher, you **MUST** provide proof of current participation in state Medicaid or a federal means-tested program that determines eligibility using the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines, such as:**

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- Head Start;
- National School Lunch Program;
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC);
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
- Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons; or
- other proof of "low income," defined as income between 100% and 185% of the federal poverty level under the Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines.

In addition to the programs listed above, Tribal Members qualify for a voucher if they provide proof of current participation in:

- HUD
- Family Support Services
- Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)

## PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

- Must have new EPA certified stove, furnace or parts professionally installed in compliance with all relevant building and fire codes. No do-it-yourself option.
- Must fully complete a voucher application form including a photo of the existing stove/hydronic heater/catalyst and any documentation required if applying for an income qualified voucher. Documentation should be a copy of your current Medicaid card (front and back), copy of an official letter certifying that you are currently participating in the federal means-tested program that determines eligibility using the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines. In addition to the programs listed above, Tribal Members qualify for a voucher if they provide proof of current participation in: HUD; Family Support Services; Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)

Application and supporting documents should be **emailed** to: [Michelle.Edwards@Lung.org](mailto:Michelle.Edwards@Lung.org)

- Must have the voucher in hand when entering into a purchase and sale agreement with a participating retailer. The agreement should be made prior to the expiration of the voucher (4 week period). The new heating appliance does NOT have to be installed within that timeframe, but must be within 30 days of the expiration date of the voucher.
- Vouchers will be available on a first come, first served basis and only received by the American Lung Association via mail or email. **No walk-ins.** Postmark and email delivery dates will be used to establish the voucher fulfillment list and waiting list.
- Limit of one voucher per household.

## RETAILER INFORMATION

Interested retailers are asked to contact **Michelle Edwards** via email at [Michelle.Edwards@Lung.org](mailto:Michelle.Edwards@Lung.org) (preferred) or by phone **1-888-241-6566, ext. 0304** for an application to participate.

Retailers **DO NOT** need to have their business located in the program area, but need to provide service in that county.



Burning wood produces emissions that are widely recognized as harmful to human health. Many of these harmful emissions can occur both indoors and outdoors and many devices operate around the clock. People with lung disease face special risks, but so do children, older adults, people with cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

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**VOUCHERS AVAILABLE NOW.  
ACT NOW TO SAVE.**

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# Instructions and Application

## North Western Wisconsin

### How the Changeout Program & Voucher Work

Please review. Once signed, this is a binding agreement between the applicant and the American Lung Association. To receive and use a voucher you are agreeing to the following terms:

- 1| The American Lung Association (ALA), is offering vouchers valued between \$300 and \$6000 to homeowners in the Wisconsin Counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer and Washburn; or the Tribal Reservations of the Bad River, the Lac Courte Oreilles, the Red Cliff, the Lac du Flambeau or the St. Croix Chippewa. The vouchers are for the retrofit or replacement of non-EPA certified wood stoves with new, cleaner burning devices.  
To qualify for a voucher, the homeowner must first complete the application. Applications for vouchers will be accepted until the program completion date or when program funding for the vouchers is depleted. This program is for homeowners and does NOT include rental properties, businesses, seasonal or vacation homes. However, churches, schools and greenhouses may apply to replace their hydronic heater. You must include a photo of the currently installed older stove with the application to be eligible for a voucher the photo must clearly show that the stove is connected and a current source of heat. Completed applications must be signed by the homeowner and mailed or emailed to the American Lung Association Program Coordinator at the address listed on the application form.
- 2| The Program Coordinator will review the applications to determine if the preliminary requirements have been met for a voucher. Qualified applicants will receive a voucher worth \$2000 toward a new EPA certified wood stove; \$2500 for an EPA certified wood pellet, gas stove or heat pump; \$4450 for income qualified participants. Income qualified vouchers may be used for an EPA certified wood, pellet, gas stove or heat pump; \$5000 for the replacement of a hydronic heater with an indoor ENERGY STAR gas furnace, \$6000 for hydronic heater if income qualified; \$300 for the retrofit of an existing wood stove with a new catalyst. Vouchers are valid for 30 days.

**To receive an “Income Qualified” voucher, you MUST provide proof of current participation in state Medicaid or a federal means-tested program that determines eligibility using the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines, such as:**

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- Head Start;
- National School Lunch Program;
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC);
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
- Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons; or
- Other proof of “low income,” defined as income between 100% and 185% of the federal poverty level under the Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines.

In addition to the programs listed above, Tribal Members qualify for a voucher if they provide proof of current participation in:

- HUD—Tribal Housing Authority
- Family Support Services
- Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)

- 3| The homeowner may only use the voucher to retrofit or replace a non-EPA certified wood stove with a new, cleaner burning device from a **participating retailer**, provided the voucher has not expired. The participating retailer will apply the voucher as an instant discount off the total price of the stove at the time of purchase. The voucher recipient is responsible for down payments or remaining balances after the voucher has been applied. No retroactive vouchers are allowed. Voucher expiration date may be extended at the sole discretion of the American Lung Association.
- 4| New, cleaner burning devices must be professionally installed in accordance with all federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and codes. The EPA recommends that installers be National Fireplace Institute or Chimney Safety Institute of American certified (or an equivalent organization). The homeowner must select the participating retailer and the installation must be coordinated and certified by the participating retailer. No do-it-yourself installations are allowed under this program.
- 5| Older stoves that were replaced through the program must be permanently removed from service and surrendered to the participating retailer, who will render them inoperable and coordinate their disposal and recycling.
- 6| The participating retailer will take a photo of the older stove or hydronic heater prior to removing it, take a photo of the destroyed stove with doors and hinges removed and also take a photo of the replacement stove after it is installed.

# Application

All sections of this application must be completed. A copy should be retained by the applicant for their records. Please carefully review the program terms prior to signing, dating and submitting your completed application with supporting documents.

**Email completed applications and old stove photos to:** [Michelle.Edwards@Lung.org](mailto:Michelle.Edwards@Lung.org)

**For questions contact Michelle Edwards 207-624-0304 or [Michelle.Edwards@Lung.org](mailto:Michelle.Edwards@Lung.org)**

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## Application Information

Tribal Member:  Yes  No Name of Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Home Address (*where older stove is located*): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (*if different*): \_\_\_\_\_

If mailing address is different, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (*if available*): \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Wood Burning Stove:** Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Manufactured: \_\_\_\_\_

*This information is found on the back metal panel of your stove and/or estimate year of manufacture if necessary.*

I have included a picture of my older stove, hydronic heater or catalyst.

You **MUST** select a replacement type. I will switch out my old wood stove or hydronic heater for the following:

- Wood Stove.....\$2000
- Pellet, Gas or Heat Pump.....\$2500
- Income Qualified.....\$4450 (for new wood, pellet, gas stove or heat pump)
- Hydronic Heater to Indoor Gas Furnace.....\$5000 (\$6000 if Income Qualified)
- Catalyst Retrofit.....\$300

*To receive an "Income Qualified" voucher, you **MUST** provide proof of current participation in state Medicaid or a federal means-tested program that determines eligibility using the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines (specific programs listed on the "Instruction" sheet. Please provide copy of the program card, front and back or copy of the approval letter with this application. Tribal Members must provide a copy of their Tribal Membership Card and current participation in: HUD-Tribal Housing, Family Support Services, or Nurse Family Partnership (NFP).*

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## For Official Use Only

Postmark: \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional Information

1| How did you hear about the Woodstove Changeout Program? \_\_\_\_\_

2| Why are you applying? (Please check all that apply.)  
 Not satisfied with current device  To reduce pollution  
 To save money Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3| Was the voucher a significant factor in replacing your stove?  Yes  No

4| In a typical heating season, how many cords of wood do you typically burn? \_\_\_\_\_

5| Is your wood stove used as a source of heat?  Yes  No

### I certify the following - please read and initial each item.

— a| I understand that only a currently installed and operating non-EPA certified wood stove or hydronic heaters are eligible to be replaced under this program and have included a photo with this application.

— b| I understand that participants are limited to receiving one voucher per address. Workplaces, rental, seasonal or half-time properties do not qualify— only when replacing a hydronic heater, churches, schools and greenhouses may also apply.

— c| I understand that applications are processed in the order they are received. Vouchers will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Funding is limited; vouchers are not guaranteed. The voucher will only be valid for 30 days from the date of its issuance. Voucher expiration date may be extended at the discretion of the American Lung Association.

— d| I understand that applications may only be accepted for residences **in the Wisconsin Counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer and Washburn; or the Tribal Reservations of the Bad River, the Lac Courte Oreilles, the Red Cliff, the Lac du Flambeau, or the St. Croix Chippewa.**

— e| I understand that if I qualify, I will receive a voucher and a current list of participating retailers who will honor the voucher if it is submitted by the expiration date written on the voucher.

— f| I will be replacing an operable non-EPA certified wood stove that is currently in use in my residence. The participating retailer who installs the new device is responsible for properly rendering inoperable and disposing of the old device.

— g| If I choose to replace a device with funds from this program, I make a commitment to purchase a device from a participating retailer within the 30 day period and authorize the retailer to forward to the American Lung Association a notification of the purchase agreement, with verification that my existing wood stove is not EPA-certified.

— h| I understand that devices purchased with funds from this program must be professionally installed and that there will be additional costs for installation and a permit from my community if required for installation. Installations must comply with all local fire and building codes. The EPA recommends that installers be certified by the National Fireplace Institute, the Chimney Safety Institute of America, or an equivalent organization. The installation must be coordinated and certified by the participating retailer.

— i| I understand that I am responsible for selecting the retailer from participating retailers.

— j| I understand that I am responsible to pay the retailer for the purchase price and professional installation costs of my new device, less the voucher amount.

— k| I understand that I will forfeit my voucher if I provide the American Lung Association with false information, fail to obtain any required permit or if the required information is not submitted to the American Lung Association prior to the expiration date listed on the voucher.

— l| The American Lung Association, does not warranty any devices purchased under this voucher program, including, but not limited to, the qualify, functionality or satisfaction of the device.

— m| I understand that proper wood burning practices (e.g., burning only dry seasoned wood) and proper stove operation (e.g., maintaining a hot fire) are critical to the effectiveness of my new device.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_