

Town of Golden: Wood Stove Exchange Program

Background

In order to measure and report on the levels of airborne particulate matter (PM) in BC, the BC Ministry of Environment (MoE) developed a monitoring network. Through the MoE airborne PM monitoring and reporting system, the Town of Golden learned that its PM level consistently ranks as one of the highest in BC.

For this reason, among others, the Golden airshed was chosen as BC's first "supersite" to conduct a two-year study on the chemical constituency of sampled air. The Town of Golden and its residents support MoE's interest in this large-scale study.

Town Council in particular supports the air quality study in Golden. The council established the Golden and District Air Quality Committee. The committee objectives are to establish and provide recommendations about improving air quality.

Under advisement from the committee, Council passed a resolution to take part in the Columbia-Kootenay Woodstove Exchange Program in 2004, and offer a rebate up to \$500 to residents within the town limit. This rebate offer was in addition to retailers and manufacturers rebates.

Council also passed a Bylaw to prohibit the installation of any solid fuel-burning appliance in Golden (see Golden's Bylaw No. 1150). This was a tough decision for council to make because Golden has limited fuel choices, i.e. electric, propane and wood; but, Council was determined to make Golden a healthy, vibrant community.

Air Quality Rebate Program Information

The following information shows print ads, inspector forms, rebate applications and other documents related to the Air Quality Rebate Program.

For more information, contact:

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Building Inspector
Town of Golden
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Fax: 250-344-6577
Email: building@town.golden.bc.ca

IS YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S STOVE SMOKING YOU OUT?

Use this form to nominate a neighbour for the Wood Stove Exchange Program who might qualify to receive the \$500 Air Quality Rebate from the Town of Golden. A letter will be sent to your neighbour from the Town gently informing them of the merits of replacing the old smoker.

Cut this out and complete this form. Drop it off at the Town's Office or mail to Adam Bux, Town of Golden, Box 350, Golden, BC, V0A 1H0

ADDRESS OF NEIGHBOUR: _____



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GOLDEN

2006 AIR QUALITY REBATE PROGRAM

\$500.00



FIRE SALE!

BONUS

Hot price on energy-efficient wood and gas appliances!

Trade in your old or uncertified woodstove, fireplace, or wood appliance and get up to a 15 per cent rebate on CSA and EPA certified clean-burning appliances, or replace it with propane or electric appliances. Get hundreds off sticker price and cut your wood heating costs by about 33% and help improve air quality in Golden!!

Town of Golden residents may qualify for a rebate up to \$500, over and above the participating local distributors' and suppliers' offers. For more information, contact Adam Bux, Building Inspector at 344-2271 at the Town Office or visit www.town.golden.bc.ca or local distributors and suppliers listed below for details of their offers.

Thank you for participating in the Air Quality Rebate/Woodstove Exchange Program. The Golden & District Air Quality Committee would like to also thank Jepson Propane Ltd. and Parky's Heating for their support and Town Council of Golden who have made this program available to our community.



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Wood Stove Exchange and Air Quality Rebate Programs

The Air Quality Rebate (AQR) Program is provided to improve air quality in Golden. The purpose of this program is to encourage the removal of existing non-certified wood-burning appliances, which generate high levels of pollution. In order to qualify for the Air Quality Rebate Program, a new EPA certified appliance must be purchased at a participating business in Golden and must be installed in a house located within the Town Of Golden limits.

CHECK LIST

1. Contact the Building Inspector to determine your eligibility for the Air Quality Rebate (AQR) Program. The Building Inspector will meet you on site to inspect and make record of your existing appliance that is to be replaced or removed.
2. When purchasing a new EPA certified wood-burning appliance, (i.e. wood or pellet stove, fireplace, and insert) make sure the unit conforms to CAN/CSA-B415.1 Standard “Performance Testing of Solid-Fuel-Burning Stoves, Inserts, and Low-Burn-Rate Factory-Built Fireplaces” in accordance to the Waste Management Act. These appliances must also conform to CAN/CSA-B365-M Standard “Installation Code for Solid-Fuel Burning Appliances and Equipment” in accordance to the BC Building Code. You must ensure that your installer is trained and certified in compliance with the Wood Energy Technical Training (WETT) program. Upon completion, your installer is required to provide a copy of their WETT Certificate and a letter (see also Application for AQR Program) confirming that your new EPA certified appliance has been installed and meets all standards (see above) and the BC Building Code requirements.
3. If you are replacing your existing appliance with a certified propane or electric appliance, you are required to ensure that your installer is trained and certified by the Province of British Columbia in compliance with the Gas or Electrical Safety Act. Upon completion, your installer is required to provide a copy of their Trade Certificate and a letter (see also Application for AQR Program) confirming that your new appliance has been installed and meets the Gas or Electrical Safety Act and the BC Building Code requirements.
4. Gather the manufacturer’s and installation specifications for the new EPA certified wood-burning appliance (including chimney or venting information), or your new propane or electric appliance, and make a building permit application (see attached) to the Building Inspector.
5. A building permit must be issued **prior** to removal of the existing appliance and before installation of the new EPA certified appliance. After a building permit is issued, the work can commence.
6. The old non-certified wood-burning appliance must be decommissioned and properly disposed of by an authorized contractor to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector in accordance to the Air Quality Rebate Program (Contractor is required to fill out section on the Application for AQR Program).
7. Upon completion, make arrangements with the Building Inspector for a final inspection, so he can inspect and record information regarding your new EPA certified appliance. Provide the Building Inspector with a copy of your installer’s Trade or WETT Certificate along with a letter of confirmation.
8. Submit the Air Quality Rebate Program application (see attached) and supported information to the Building Inspector so your rebate can be processed.

Thank you for participating in the Air Quality Rebate Program. We would also like to thank the BC Wood Stove Manufacturers, Wholesales and Participating Retailers, and the Golden & District Air Quality Committee for their support and Town Council of Golden, who have made this program available to the community.



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AIR QUALITY REBATE PROGRAM – Inspection Form

Applicant: _____ Phone: _____

Project Site Address: _____

Owner: _____ Address: _____

Existing Appliance Info: _____
(make, model, serial number, etc.)

Location of Existing Appliance: _____

Applicant's Proposal: _____

Consulted with Chairperson of Golden Air Quality Committee (Y / N / NA) (Date _____ / Person _____)

Is applicant qualified for the AQR Program: Y / N

Has an estimate of the proposal been provided with the Building Permit Application: Y / N

Possible amount of rebate for this application: _____

New Appliance Info: _____
(make, model, serial number, etc.)

Manufacturer's Specification Provided: Y/N CAN/CSA-B415.1 & CAN/CSA-B365-M: Y/N

Propane Appliance: Y/N Electric Appliance: Y/N

Location of new appliance: _____ New Chimney / Vent: _____
(type, made, etc.)

Is the existing chimney/vent use for new appliance? Y / N Type/Construction: _____

Does the existing chimney/vent need to be inspected and certified by an authorized contractor? Y / N

If so, detailed of the authorized contractor: _____

Has the Installer of the new EPA appliance provided us with their WETT or Gas Trade Certificate? Y / N

Has the applicant provided us with a copy of their bill for the new EPA appliance and installation cost? Y / N

Has the applicant completed the "Application for AQR Program? Y / N

Building Inspector

Date



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APPLICATION FOR AIR QUALITY REBATE PROGRAM

PROJECT SITE ADDRESS: _____
FOLIO#: _____ **ZONE:** _____ **LEGAL - LOT:** _____ **BLOCK:** _____ **SEC.** _____ **PLAN #:** _____

APPLICANT: _____ **PHONE:** _____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PARTICIPATING RETAILER: _____
ADDRESS: _____ **BUSINESS LICENSE NO.:** _____

INSTALLER: _____ **PHONE:** _____
ADDRESS: _____ **BUSINESS LICENSE NO.:** _____

I/We _____ hereby certified that the subject EPA Certified solid fuel or pellet appliance was installed and meets CAN/CSA-B415.1 Standards in accordance with the Waste Management Act, CAN/CSA-B365-M Standards and all other applicable requirements in accordance with the BC Building Code. (A copy of my WETT Certificate is attached.)

Signature of Installer Date

or

I/We _____ hereby certified that the subject certified propane or electric appliance was installed and meets all requirements in accordance with the Gas or Electrical Safety Act and all other applicable requirements in accordance to the BC Building Code. (A copy of my Trade Certificate is attached.)

Signature of Installer Date

I/We _____ of _____ hereby certify that the old non-certified wood-burning appliance was decommissioned and has been properly disposed of in compliance with the Air Quality Rebate Program.

NOTE: SIGNATURE AUTHORIZES THE TOWN TO PROCEED WITH YOUR REBATE APPLICATION.

Signature of Applicant Date

Office Use

Building Inspector Date

O.K. to process rebates.
(Amount _____)