

Commonly Asked Questions Regarding the Tax Deduction for Old Wood Stove Replacement

Who is eligible to receive the tax deduction under the new Idaho tax law?

Idaho taxpayers who buy new wood stoves, pellet stoves, natural gas heating units, or propane heating units for their residences that replace old, uncertified wood stoves and meet other conditions.

What conditions must be met to get the tax deduction?

Certain conditions must be met to receive the wood stove tax deduction. An individual may deduct the cost of a new natural gas or propane heating unit, or a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-certified wood or pellet stove if:

- the device is for the residence;
- the device replaces an old wood stove that does not meet EPA certification requirements;
- the purchase and replacement occurs within the same year; and
- the old wood stove is taken to a Idaho Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ)-authorized location.

Where are the DEQ-authorized drop off locations?

The old, uncertified wood stove must be taken to a DEQ-authorized location. There are 10 authorized sites located throughout Idaho. The following is a list of those sites:

Pacific Steel & Recycling
1939 Highland Avenue East
PO Box 1413
Twin Falls, ID 83303-1415
(208) 734-7440

Pacific Recycling
3575 Highway 30 West
PO Box 366
Pocatello, ID 83204-0366
(208) 233-7720

Pacific Recycling
395 Payne Street
PO Box 1752
Idaho Falls, ID 83403
(208) 529-4180

Pacific Steel & Recycling
320 West Main
PO Box 54
Burley, ID 83318
(208) 678-2321

Pacific Steel & Recycling
1535 Main Street
Lewiston, ID 83501
(208) 743-2181

Pacific Steel & Recycling
1000 Triangle
Sandpoint, ID 83864-7467
(208) 263-2584

Pacific Recycling
#9 9th Ave. N. and 1st Street N.

Pacific Recycling
5120 Emerald Street

Nampa, ID 83651
(208) 466-1105

Boise, ID 83706
(208) 375-2131

Valley County Landfill
PO Box 737
Cascade, ID 83611
(208) 382-4251

Kootenai County Transfer Station
3650 Ramsey Road
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814
(208) 769-4402

How much is the tax deduction?

The taxpayer may deduct 40 percent of the total cost in the first year of the purchase and installation. Thereafter, 20 percent of the total cost per year for the next three years may be taken. The total annual deduction can not exceed \$5,000. The total cost includes purchase and professional installation of the new stove.

When is the tax deduction change effective?

The change in the tax deduction is effective January 1, 1995 and applies to the 1995 tax year.

What is an EPA-certified wood stove?

EPA requires manufacturers to produce clean-burning wood stoves. Additionally, the agency establishes limits on the amount of particulate matter (smoke) that a new stove can emit. An EPA-certified wood stove has a permanent label indicating that it meets EPA requirements and burns cleanly in the EPA test lab. The original paperwork may also contain EPA certification information.

Are fireplaces included?

No, because common fireplaces are not certified by EPA. The tax deduction would apply if the individual replaces an uncertified, fireplace insert with a certified, air-tight fireplace insert.

How does an individual obtain proof for the tax deduction?

The individual must drop off the old wood stove at a DEQ-authorized facility, attended by a scrap dealer or landfill gatekeeper. The fire-brick lining must be removed from the stove before drop off. Individuals should notify the location attendant that they are participating in the tax deduction program. The attendant will have a supply of DEQ receipts. The individual should fill out pertinent receipt information. The attendant signs the completed DEQ receipt.

Individuals should tear-off their portion of the receipt and keep the copy with their tax records. To receive the tax deduction, individuals must send the appropriate receipt copy and the sales receipt of the new replacement to the DEQ central office (address is

located on the receipt). DEQ will keep a record of the receipts and annually submit a list to the Idaho Tax Commission. The receipts are numbered to discourage illegal receipt production.

Why must the old wood stoves be dropped off at these locations?

DEQ is required by Idaho law to ensure that the old wood stoves are not reused. To become a DEQ-authorized site, the location must agree to destroy the old wood stoves. Consequently, DEQ can prevent the reuse of old, polluting wood stoves by controlling the drop off sites. DEQ may authorize additional sites in high demand areas that do not currently have drop off locations.

Why should the old wood stoves be replaced?

Older wood burning stoves are less efficient and cause more air pollution. Wood smoke contains PM₁₀ (very small particles of wood tars, soot, and ash) and unburned pollutant gases, such as carbon monoxide, that negatively impact human health, visibility, and property values. EPA tests estimate that particulate emissions from EPA-certified stoves are 70 to 90 percent less than those from conventional stoves.

A lower concentration of particulates in the air is better for everyone's health. Extremely small particles in wood smoke can wind up deep in the lungs causing structural damage and biological changes. Additionally, poisonous and cancer-causing chemicals often enter the lungs by adhering to the tiny particles. Children, elderly people, and those with respiratory ailments are especially at risk from PM₁₀ pollution.

Although EPA-certified wood stoves cost more than comparable unregulated stoves, most consumers more than offset this cost by the savings from reduced firewood consumption (one-third to one-fourth less) and less frequent chimney cleaning. More importantly, cleaner burning energy means cleaner, healthier air for our children and community.

For more information, contact ...

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DEQ Air Quality Protection Group: (208) 334-5860

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Coeur d'Alene
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North Central Idaho
Lewiston
(208) 799-3430

Southeast Idaho
Pocatello
(208) 236-6160

South Central Idaho
Twin Falls
(208) 736-2190

Eastern Idaho
Idaho Falls
(208) 528-2650

Southwest Idaho
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**INDUSTRY SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO CLEAR THE AIR:
STATE TAX DEDUCTION PROVIDES INCENTIVE TO REPLACE OLD
WOODSTOVES**

BOISE, February 1, 1995 -- Idaho residents who replace obsolete woodstoves with clean-burning, EPA-certified wood, gas, or pellet stoves are now eligible to receive a tax deduction under a new Idaho tax law. Residents can deduct 40 percent of the total cost of the new appliance the first year, and 20 percent per year thereafter.

The tax deduction became effective January 1, 1995 and applies to the 1995 tax year. Residents who purchase new, clean-burning appliances must take their old, uncertified stoves to one of the ten authorized DEQ locations throughout the state. The following other conditions must also be met in order to receive the tax deduction:

- The device must be for use in a residence;
- The device replaces an uncertified wood stove;
- The purchase and replacement happens in the same year;
- The old stove is turned in to a DEQ approved recycling center.

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Today's certified wood-burning appliances provide more efficiency, less creosote buildup and cleaner air for everyone. "Clean-burning technology not only reduces the emissions levels of woodsmoke pollution but increases the efficiency of the stove," says Jim Joy, a board member of the Northwest Hearth Products Association. "Removing dirty-burning, uncertified stoves from our airshed will make a dramatic contribution to the air we breathe." There are still more than 300,000 uncertified woodstoves in Idaho according to the NWHPA.

Pre-1988 stoves can produce many times the amount of particulate matter a year that new, certified woodstoves or pellet heating appliances produce. Wood smoke is comprised of vapor, gases and solid particles known as PM10s. These minute particles, less than 10 microns in size, are easily inhaled and may cause health irritations and problems. However, certified stoves produce a much lower PM10 level, dramatically improving air quality.

The Northwest Hearth Products Association is a nonprofit organization concerned with sale and safe use of hearth products. Members include dealers, manufacturers, distributors and retailers of hearth products throughout Alaska, Washington, Idaho, and Western Montana. NWHPA is dedicated to working with environmental and health organizations in areas where air quality is a concern.

For more information on the tax deduction, clean-burning technology, or a list of local retailers, contact Northwest Hearth Products Association at 1-800-457-9299.

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