Woodstove Changeout Program Snapshot: Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority



Program Title Location (City, Counties, Regions included in program)	Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority Woodstove Rebate Program [Web site: http://www.co.yakima.wa.us/cleanair/Releases/Rebate Woodstove.pdf] Yakima County, Washington (south central Washington, near Fort Simcoe State Park)
Population/No. of Homes (No. of people/homes in area covered by program)	 Population: > 220,000 Housing[†]: > 79,000 housing units
Objectives (NAAQS attainment/maintenance, indoor air, visibility, air toxics, public education)	 Happier, healthier residents. Cleaner stoves. Increased sales of EPA-certified heating appliances resulting in less outdoor and indoor pollution. Less regulation.
Milestones (time frame for program, no. of changeouts, air quality goals, no. of low-income homes targeted, if applicable)	 575 stoves in 5 years (1993-2005). Program is an annual program.
Budget (projected/actual cost of program)	• \$17,000 in 2004 (needs confirmation).
Funding Sources (government funds, grants, SEPs, fees, etc.)	 YRCAA fines and penalties. State tax on woodstove sales. Government grants. Other agency funding. Heating fuel industry companies.
Partners (gov't/private organizations involved in changeout program)	 YRCAA. Media companies. Recyclers. Local dealers. The Hearth Association. Cascades Natural Gas Company.



Incentives Offered (rebates, discounts, vouchers, special incentives for low-income homes, etc.)	 On-the-spot rebates. \$100 coupon to homeowners for turning in old stove
Ordinances/Regulations (mandates for use of cleaner- burning hearth devices)	Uncertified woodstoves may not be bartered, sold, or given away.
Program Yardstick (means for measuring program success)	Number of woodstoves changed out.
Program Contact (name, organization, phone #, e-mail address)	 Bob West, (509) 834-2050, Bob@yrcaa.org Yakima Clean Air Authority, 6 South 2nd Street, Room 1016, Yakima, WA, 98901.
Lessons Learned (What worked? What didn't? How program can be improved)	Where funds are limited, consider a changeout program committed to gradual progress (i.e., changing out woodstoves over a period of years as funds become available).
Outreach/Marketing (e.g., radio public service announcements (PSAs), workshops, woodstove expo, flyers, mailouts, other?)	Advertisements.
Air Quality Data (current air quality status in the area covered by this program, and is reducing wood smoke believed to be an important factor in improving local air quality?)	 Currently in attainment for the PM_{2.5} standard issued in 1997. Areas where wood burning is a common source of heat are among the areas with the highest risk for exceeding the new 2006 PM_{2.5} 24-hour standard.

[†]A housing unit is defined as a house, apartment, mobile homes, group of rooms, or single room that is occupied (or, if vacant, is intended for occupation) as a separate living quarters (United States Census Bureau).

