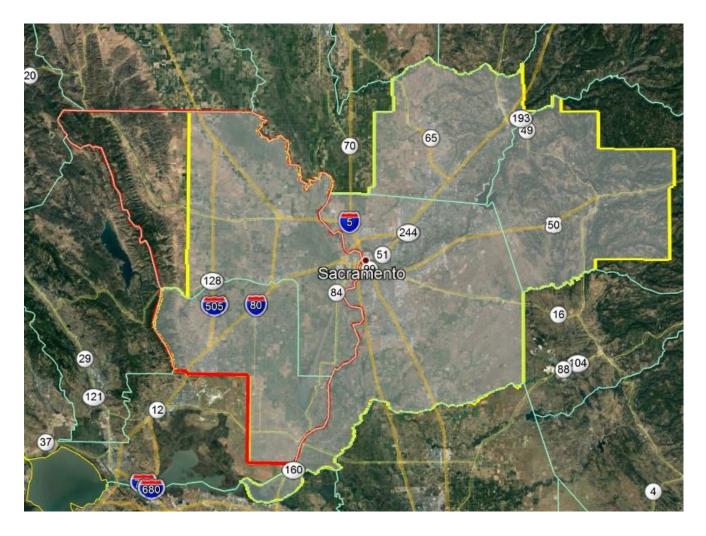


## HOW THE VOUCHER PROGRAM WORKS

- 1. The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (District) is offering rebate vouchers to qualified homeowners within the boundaries of both the District and the Sacramento Federal PM2.5 Nonattainment Area (NAA) to replace non-EPA certified wood stoves, fireplace inserts, or open-hearth fireplaces. The new device must be replaced with an EPA certified wood stove, pellet stove, natural gas stove, propane stove, electric stove, or ductless mini-split heat pump. This program is funded by the U.S. EPA's 2020 Targeted Airshed Grant Program. Applications must be completed, signed by the homeowner, and submitted to the District. Funding will be available until April 2026 or until funds run out.
- 2. To qualify, the applicant must have a currently installed and operating heating device.
- 3. Applicants must contact a participating dealer to schedule an in-home estimate. A copy of this estimate including verification that existing device is eligible for replacement and operable should be attached to the application form.
- 4. If the old device is removed from the home prior to application approval, the applicant may be disqualified from this program.
- 5. If the new device is purchased before application approval, the applicant may be disqualified from this program. No retroactive rebates are allowed.
- 6. Standard (non-low income) vouchers cover eligible costs up to a maximum of \$2,500.
- 7. Low-income vouchers cover eligible project costs up to a maximum of \$5,000. Applicants are eligible for a Lowincome Voucher if the household can demonstrate their participation in a Low-income Assistance Program (WIC, PG and E CARE Program, LIHEAP) or provide proof of household income at or below the threshold designated as low-income by the Department of Housing and Community Development's State Income Limits.
- 8. The program is available to both homeowners and renters. In the case of rental properties, formal approval from the property owner will be required as part of the approval process.
- 9. The applicant may redeem the voucher from participating retailers only. The voucher must be redeemed prior to expiration date. The voucher expiration date may be extended at the discretion of the District.
- 10. Vouchers will be applied as a rebate off the total price of the replacement device.
- 11. Replacement heating device must be EPA level II certified. Eligible costs include cost of base model, tax, installation including any parts, materials, permits, or labor required for the safe and legal installation of the device and disposal of the old stove or insert. Any upgrades will be paid by the applicant.
- 12. New devices must be professionally installed by a licensed retailer/installer in accordance with local fire and building codes. A building permit must be obtained prior to installation of the new device if required by the city

or county building department. No do-it-yourself installations are allowed under this program. Installations must occur within six (6) months of issuance of the voucher.

- 13. Older stoves or appliances that are 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. The participating retailer will take a photo of the older stove and upon its destruction and will also take a photo of the replacement stove after it is installed.
- 14. Participating retailers and/or their licensed installers will provide training on proper wood storage and wood burning practices (if applicable) and device operation and maintenance.



## Sacramento Federal PM2.5 Nonattainment Area Map

Check to see if your address is within the District and Sacramento Federal Nonattainment Area: <u>https://epa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=726f1f1c59ab41c4ae65ea1f8dc743ca&webmap=</u> <u>2cec12bef377476cadd38af48918c5a3</u>

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