PROJECT

SWAP

Wood is a cost-effective, locally sourced fuel for heating our homes and businesses. But, did you know that old, outdated wood burning appliances waste firewood, create dust inside your home, and pollute the air?

Project Stove Swap is a voluntary program that offers financial incentives to replace old wood heating appliances with new, less-polluting technologies. Making the switch to a new appliance can cut heating expenses, reduce smoke, and improve air quality. Currently Project Stove Swap is serving residents, small businesses, and nonprofits in 17 Northeastern Minnesota counties.



Counties served:

- Aitkin
- Beltrami
- Carlton
- Cass
- Cook
- Crow Wing
- Hubbard
- Itasca
- Koochiching
- Lake
- Morrison
- Otter Tail
- Pine
- St. Louis
- Stearns Todd
- Wadena

BENEFITS TO SWAPPING YOUR STOVE



Save Money

New models burn roughly 1/3 less wood for the same amount of heat.



Increase Safety

New devices significantly reduce the risk of chimney fires because they efficiently burn chemicals like creosote before they go up the stack.



Breathe Easy

Small particles in wood smoke are bad for your health. New stoves can reduce harmful particles from your wood appliance by more than 70%.



Project Stove Swap is managed by Environmental Initiative, a statewide nonprofit organization that builds partnerships to develop collaborative solutions to Minnesota's environmental problems, www.environmental-initiative.org



Meet With A Vendor & Select a New Device.

Visit one of our participating vendors listed on our website to determine your eligibility and select a new appliance.



3. Install Your Device.

Vendors will arrange for installation with an accredited installer. Project Stove Swap's incentive will be added as a discount on your vendor's invoice.



2. Apply.

Vendors will help you select a new device and submit an application for the program rebate. All new devices must be certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



4. Complete Training.

Work with installer or retailer to complete training on your new device and fill out a final certification form to complete the process.

IS MY CURRENT APPLIANCE ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for a cost share, all original appliances must be a primary or major source of heat for a residence or business.

Wood Stoves & Inserts:

All non-certified wood stoves manufactured before 1988 are eligible.

Wood Furnaces:

All non-certified wood furnaces are eligible.

Hydronic Heaters:

All non-certified and non-qualified hydronic heaters are eligible.

Fireplaces:

Preference will be given to non-qualified fireplaces used as a primary or major heat source.

GET STARTED

Contact Mikey Weitekamp at 612-334-3388, ext. 8109 or mweitekamp@en-in.org to find out more or get started.