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 But, did you know that old, outdated wood burning appliances waste firewood, create dust inside your home, and pollute the air?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%.

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**HOW IT WORKS**

1. **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.

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.

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.

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**

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