

environmental spotlight

The Great Michigan Stove Change-Out

Michigan citizens have a long tradition of heating their homes with wood burning appliances. The wood stove has been a symbol of hearth and home for almost 200 years.

Recent innovations in Hearth Appliance design and construction lend a new consideration to an old way of staying warm. New Hearth Appliances are as much as 50% more efficient than are similar appliances of 25 years ago, which means you can burn a lot less fuel, burn it cleaner, make less smoke and get the same amount of heat from a new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) certified appliance, compared to older units.



Stop Wasting. Start Saving.

An incentive program to update this tradition got under way Thursday May 8, 2008. The Great Michigan Stove Changeout aims to educate Michigan residents about the economic, health, safety, and environmental benefits of switching to modern home heating stoves by improving air quality as a result lowering wood smoke emissions. As a major incentive to consumers, the Campaign is offering up to \$500 in rebates and discounts toward the purchase and installation of a new stove, and by participating in the Campaign, customers will not only benefit by saving money on an efficient new woodstove, but will see cleaner air, reduced health risks, and reduced home fire hazards.

The program is made possible by a grant from the U.S. EPA and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, in partnership with the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) and the Hearth, Patio and Barbeque Association.

Please visit www.mucc.org/policy/woodstove.php for complete details on how to participate in the program.