



Media News Release

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Subject: 2013 PGAIR Woodstove Exchange Program

For Immediate Release (Prince George, BC) - PGAIR is pleased to announce that the 2013 Woodstove Exchange Program will open on June 17 and run until October 31, 2013. The first 45 qualifying residents who trade in their old smoky wood burning appliance for a qualifying new natural gas, pellet, or EPA/CSA-emissions-certified wood burning appliance will receive a \$500 provincial rebate. In addition, Program participants may receive additional savings by having \$130 of their Heating Unit Permit fee waived by the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George or the City of Prince George. Residents can visit pgairquality.com or one of the following participating retailers to get more information and to reserve a voucher:

- Dales Wood and Gas Heating
- Fraser Plumbing and Heating
- Mainline Plumbing and Heating
- Furnaceland

"Residents participating in the Woodstove Exchange Program are doing their part on a neighbourhood level in reducing wood smoke in Prince George", says Mayor Shari Green. "The City is proud to have so many community partners to align our efforts toward the common goal of Clean Air".

Alongside this year's Woodstove Exchange Program, PGAIR will be offering free education to Program participants on operating their new technology woodstoves efficiently and safely. Participants who complete a wood-to-wood appliance upgrade will receive a free in-home visit with a professional Master Burner, and will also receive a moisture meter to test for ideal moisture content when collection and seasoning their firewood.

With the upcoming heating season only a few months away, PGAIR reminds residents to Burn It Clean by collecting and seasoning their firewood ahead of time; or purchasing dry firewood from a supplier. Residents who wish to access a firewood moisture meter can contact PGAIR for more information. Visit www.pgairquality.com to get more helpful tips that will ultimately save money and time by ensuring a clean, efficient burn that provides more heat for your home.

For further information, please contact Terry Robert, PGAIR Executive Director at 250-612-0252 or trobert@pgairquality.com.

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Firewood Moisture Meter. Photo courtesy PGAIR.

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