



Typical Changeout Program Timeline

A wood stove changeout program is a voluntary program initiated at the local or regional level. The Program provides eligible communities the opportunity to improve air quality by replacing old, conventional wood stoves and fireplace inserts with cleaner-burning, more efficient EPA-certified wood or pellet stoves and/or gas and electric heating stoves and fireplaces.

Manufacturers and retailers may offer consumers incentives such as: rebates, low/no interest loans and/or discounts toward the purchase of more environmentally-friendly appliances.

Changeouts are financed in several ways:

1. Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs), which are part of settlement agreements between the U.S. EPA and a business violating an environmental law. Violations of the Clean Air Act may be settled with SEPs that address the air quality of an affected community with programs such as a woodstove changeout. Some states use the SEPs process, but the process varies by state.
2. Foundations and other non-government programs;
3. Hearth industry discounts and rebates;
4. Utility-sponsored programs;
5. State, tribal and local programs, such as grants or subsidized loans provided by state governments;
6. Federal programs, such as grants or subsidized loans provide by the U.S. government;
7. Loan programs available through third party financial institutions;
8. Self-financing in which the owner pays for the appliance replacement using funds on hand in a checking or savings account or through a home equity product.

The changeout process timeline can be lengthy, and while every program may have unique attributes, here is a typical timeline for an SEP (all times are approximate):



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