

SWITCH TO HEALTHIER HEATING



IF YOU'VE BEEN USING A WOODFIRE HEATER AND THINKING ABOUT SWITCHING TO HEALTHIER HOME HEATING, NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO APPLY FOR GOVERNMENT REBATES.

Did you know that wood heater smoke is a top source of winter air pollution? This is despite just 7% of homes using wood heaters as their main form of heating.

Wood heater smoke contains fine particulate matter or PM2.5. Because of its tiny size, PM2.5 can be breathed deep into the lungs and enter the bloodstream. Wood heater smoke can also travel across neighbourhoods. There is no safe level of PM2.5 which means even low levels of air pollution can be harmful.

WOOD HEATER SMOKE IS A SERIOUS HEALTH RISK FOR MANY PEOPLE INCLUDING:

- People living with asthma or other respiratory conditions
- People with heart disease
- Pregnant people and their unborn children
- Children
- Elderly people

THE GOOD NEWS - REBATES

While it's essential to stay warm in winter, reverse cycle air conditioners are more efficient at heating and cooling homes.

The Victorian Government and the Australian Capital Territory Government offer rebates to eligible households to replace their wood heater with reverse cycle air conditioning.

CHECK IF YOU'RE ELIGIBLE FOR A REBATE:

VICTORIA

heatingupgrades.vic.gov.au

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

climatechoices.act.gov.au/policy-programs/wood-heater-replacement-program

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