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**Allegheny County Offers “Bounty” for Old Woodstoves, Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers**  
*Taking Equipment Out of Service Aims to Reduce Emissions & Citizen Complaints*

**PITTSBURGH** – Following the success of its first “bounty” program last year, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald announced today that the Health Department is again offering County residents a chance to dispose of old woodstoves and outdoor wood-fired boilers that do not meet current national emission standards in return for cash incentives.

“Allegheny County has recently hit significant milestones in its air quality and we want to continue to encourage further improvements,” said County Executive Fitzgerald. “Last year’s program was successful, but we also had many residents who were unaware of it. Through the Clean Air Fund, we have the ability to offer the program again, encourage residents to take steps to eliminate these contributors to air pollution, and reward them for their participation.”

The Health Department is offering a \$500 cash incentive for non-Phase II outdoor wood-fired boilers and a \$200 gift card for uncertified woodstoves. The bounties will be offered for up to five outdoor wood-fired boilers and 200 woodstoves. The gift cards are for Home Depot, Lowe’s, Kmart, Dick’s Sporting Goods, GetGo and Giant Eagle. The program is for Allegheny County residents, and participants must register in advance. For more information or to register, please call 412-578-8106 or visit [www.achd.net/air/bounty/](http://www.achd.net/air/bounty/). Registrations will be accepted until May 9, 2014.

“We have created these bounty programs in response to an increasing number of citizen complaints about wood-burning emissions and to help reduce the amount of smoke and fine particulate pollution that come from using such old wood-burning equipment,” said Health Director Dr. Karen Hacker. “Together, we can make a difference in reducing or eliminating fine particulate pollution.”

The woodstoves and boilers must be turned in at a collection event to be held on Saturday, May 17, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the swimming pool parking lot on South Ridge Drive in North Park. No stoves or boilers will be accepted the day of the event from anyone who has not registered in advance. Stoves and boilers will be processed by Tube City IMS at its Recycling Center in West Mifflin.

The bounty program is supported by a \$75,000 grant from the Allegheny County Clean Air Fund.

Fifty-nine woodstoves and one outdoor wood-fired boiler manufactured before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency set emission standards for such equipment were turned in and taken out of service in the first bounty program last year, helping to reduce wood-burning emissions this past winter.

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