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Health Department Collects 62 Woodstoves That Don't Meet Current Emission Standards
Bounty Program Takes Equipment Out of Service to Reduce Wood-Burning Emissions

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department accepted 62 old woodstoves at a collection event in North Park last month as part of its “bounty” program for old woodstoves and outdoor wood-fired boilers that do not meet current national emission standards.

“We created the bounty program 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.

The bounty program is for Allegheny County residents and provides a \$200 gift card to one of six retailers for woodstoves and a \$500 cash incentive for outdoor wood-fired boilers manufactured before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency set emission standards for such equipment.

Fifty-nine woodstoves and one outdoor wood-fired boiler were collected last September in the program’s initial collection event. The old equipment is hauled away by Tube City IMS to its Recycling Center in West Mifflin, where it is rendered inoperable and recycled.

Because of the success of the bounty program, the Health Department is considering scheduling a third collection event. Anyone who would like to participate and turn in an old woodstove or outdoor wood-fired boiler is encouraged to email aconner@achd.net or call 412-578-8106.

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