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2011 US Tax Credit Information

Information from the HPBA -

On December 17, 2010, President Obama signed a bill that extended many of the consumer tax credits into 2011 to help boost the slowly recovering economy. The tax credit for the purchase of a biomass-burning stove was extended, but with additional restrictions. The tax credit for 2011 is structured as follows: 1) a 10% tax credit, capped at \$300, for a 75% efficient biomass stove; 2) the lower heating value (LHV) efficiency measure was removed; 3) the credit applies to purchase price only, not installation; and 4) tax credit is for 2011 only. HPBA encourages all members to check with their tax advisors for further clarity.

Some important points of the tax credit are:

- To be considered, a stove must use the burning of biomass fuel to heat a dwelling unit or to heat water for use in such a dwelling unit, and have a thermal efficiency rating of at least 75%;
- Installation is no longer covered as of the 2011 amendment;
- This consumer tax credit is 10% (up to \$300) for the purchase and installation of a 75% efficient heating appliance in 2011;
- This consumer tax credit is for 2011 only;
- This credit applies only to existing principle residences;
- Manufacturers must provide a certificate of qualification for each product as required in the guidance which can be obtained for the customer to use;
- Taxpayers must retain the certification statement for tax recordkeeping purposes, but the certification is not required to be attached to the tax return;
- If a manufacturer has documentation that a stove has already achieved the required efficiency rating, no further testing is required;
- The IRS has not stated that inserts are covered, or are not covered, but based on EPA's practice of treating inserts and freestanding biomass stoves in a similar fashion, manufacturers may choose to include inserts.

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List of eligible Pellet & Wood Stoves and Inserts manufactured by Sherwood Industries -

Model	EPA Tested Efficiency	Type
Pellet		
Enviro - EF2, EF2i, FS and FPI	87	Pellet
Enviro - Mini	75	Pellet
Enviro - Empress FS	83.5	Pellet
Enviro - Empress FPI	83.1	Pellet
Enviro - EF3 FS, EF3 FPI, EF3Bi FS, Vista Flame - VF100 FS	75.8	Pellet
Enviro - EF5 (Evolution)	79.8	Pellet
Enviro - Meridian FS & Meridian FPI	75.8	Pellet
Enviro - Maxx	86	Pellet
Enviro - Milan FPI	83.1	Pellet
Enviro - Omega	79.5	Pellet
Enviro - M55	76.6	Pellet
Vistaflame - VF 55	79.8	Pellet
Wood		
Enviro - Kodiak 1200 FS, Vistaflame - VF 1200 FS	82.6	Wood
Enviro - Kodiak 1700 FS, Vistaflame - VF 1700 FS	84.7	Wood
Enviro - Kodiak 1200 FPI, Venice 1200 FPI, Boston 1200 FPI	82.6	Wood
Enviro - Kodiak 1700 FPI, Venice 1700 FPI, Boston 1700 FPI	84.7	Wood
Vistaflame - VF 1700 FPI	84.7	Wood

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