

A Marylander's Guide to Understanding the Federal Energy Efficiency Tax Credit Program

The Federal Government has recently announced an extension to the Energy Efficiency Tax Credit Legislation signed in to law this past February. The deadline, which was previously set for December 31, 2009 has been extended to December 31, 2010.

This is great news for Maryland residents who are interested in learning more about efficient and environmentally-friendly heating products before making the choice to purchase one.

Tax Credits, unlike Tax Deductions, can reduce your tax liability dollar for dollar. Deductions reduce only your taxable income. By installing a qualified product under this program, you will save 30% (up to \$1,500) on your 2009 or 2010 tax return. [Here is an excellent link from HBPA with additional information.](#)

With winter approaching, one of the hottest topics in hearth products is biomass or wood pellet free standing stoves. Not only do wood pellets reduce our dependence on foreign oil, but they produce virtually no greenhouse gases.

The Chimney Sweeps of Sherwood Forest showroom features a large selection of wood, gas and pellet stoves. Residents that are interested in learning more about these high efficiency products are invited to stop by during show room [hours](#), or schedule a free [hearth needs analysis](#) with a certified technician.

“Of the many services that we provide for our customers, the complimentary needs analysis is one of the most rewarding,” said Javier Rosas, Owner of Sherwood Forest Inc. “We enjoy hosting families at our kid-friendly showroom in a relaxed and interactive environment.”

Montgomery County (MD) residents can take advantage of an additional program for Solar, Wind and Biomass (pellet) installations. [Click here to learn more.](#)