The first thing a homeowner should do is determine whether the solid fuel burning device is an approved device or a non-certified device that must be removed. Here are some tips to help you answer these questions:

- The presumption is that a woodstove or fireplace insert is a non-certified solid fuel burning device and must be removed unless it is clearly evident that it is an approved device.
- Woodstoves and fireplace inserts certified by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality do not have to be removed.
- Open masonry fireplaces and zero-clearance fireplaces do not have to be removed.
- If the stove or insert was installed in the home before 1985, it is not a certified device and has to be removed. Look for a certification label in the rear of the stove if you are not certain (see STEP 4 below).
- If the stove is freestanding, doesn’t have a door and is open burning, it may not be an approved device and may be required to be removed. If the appliance is built into the wall or the fireplace, it may be considered a zero-clearance fireplace and possibly may not be required to be removed (see STEP 6 below).

Still unsure whether you have a non-compliant solid fuel burning device? Follow these steps:

1. Try to determine the date that the stove or insert was installed. Building permit information on file with the Town Building & Safety Division may provide you with the date the home was constructed or when a stove or insert was subsequently installed. Please contact the Building & Safety Division at (530) 582-7821 for permit information; please have the Assessor's Parcel Number of your property.

2. If you know the stove or insert was installed between 1985 and 1994, it may be a Town-approved device. Woodstoves and inserts began to be certified by the Oregon DEQ in 1985 and by the EPA in 1988. However, Nevada County and the Town did not start to require the installation of EPA-certified devices until 1994, and some non-certified devices were installed in the Town prior to 1995. Go to STEP 4.

3. If you know the stove or insert was installed in 1995 or later with a valid Town building permit, it is a Town-approved device and does not have to be removed; therefore, it is not eligible for a rebate.

4. If you do not know when your stove or insert was installed, or if it was installed between 1985 and 1994, look on the rear of stove for a metal label. If the label contains language that states the device meets the emission factors of the Environmental Protection Agency or Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, the stove is a Town-approved device and does not have to be removed.
Examples of EPA Labels

5. Sometimes the metal label on an EPA- or Oregon DEQ-certified appliance falls off. Identify the manufacturer and model type and number of the stove or insert; this information may be on the appliance or the brochure that came with the device. Then check the EPA’s website of certified appliances. If your appliance is on the EPA list, it is a Town-approved appliance and would not have to be removed.

EPA link: http://www.epa.gov/compliance/list-epa-certified-wood-stoves

6. Still unsure? Contact the Planning Division at (530) 582-7820, extension 2, and we will help you figure out if your stove or insert is a Town-approved device. Photographs of the stove or insert are helpful, and we may also suggest an onsite visit.