Education

Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Expo

HPBA Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association

HPB EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Education Foundation promotes the Green Movement throughout every branch of its educational programs.

NFI NATIONAL FIREPLACE INSTITUTE A CERTIFICATION AGENCY

NFI Certified Specialists have passed rigorous testing covering the following subjects:

- Safety guidelines
- Clearances
- Fuel delivery systems
- Venting applications
- Combustion criteria
- National building codes
- Hearth appliance programs
- Draft and ventilation standards
- Post-installation inspection and service

The Environmental Protection Agency and NFI Certification

The EPA recommends, and in some cases requires, that consumers choose an NFI Certified Installer when participating in its Wood Stove Changeout programs.

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The HPB Education Foundation offers informative seminars that cover a variety of Green topics that its NFI Certified Specialists can use towards obtaining continuing education units for their NFI Certification. "Green" courses include:

- Green Building and Its New Standards
  Course Description: With the importance of the green movement, a number of organizations are moving forward and collaborating to define green practices for the development, design and construction of green buildings. The purpose of this session is to hear from organizations instrumental in defining green and how their green definitions and programs relate to the hearth products industry.

- What Retailers Need To Know About NSPS
  Course Description: This session examines the EPA's Wood/Stove Certification Program (formerly known as the NSPS) and its current proposed updates. Participants will learn how manufacturers' business plan adjustments will affect retailers, and the impact of reducing particulate emmissions in residential areas, and other valuable information.

- Catalytic Appliances: Past, Present & Future Role in Renewable Energy
  Course Description: Focusing on the history and lessons learned about catalytic appliances, attendees will learn the critical elements and designs necessary to provide customers with the best durable and dependable catalytic wood stoves. Highlights of the recent OMNI Environmental Lab Study on Longevity will be reviewed along with CHC Guidelines and Assurance Program.