



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

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Wood Stove Exchange Program extended into 2020 Provincial funding announced

Nelson, BC: Since 2009, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has been collaborating with local municipalities to help residents save money and improve local air quality through the Wood Stove Exchange Program. This program, funded by the Government of British Columbia and the BC Lung Association, provides homeowners with rebates when they exchange their old wood stove for a new emissions-certified one.

The RDCK is one of 20 regions across the province to receive funding from the Province and the BC Lung Association to administer a local wood stove exchange program. All RDCK electoral areas and municipalities have also committed “top-up” funding, bringing the value of rebates to between \$350 to \$800 (depending on the type of new appliance installed and location of the property within the RDCK).

A total of 50 rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The Provincial base rebate is \$250 for a new qualifying wood stove and \$400 for a qualifying gas appliance. Top-up rebates are as follows:

City of Castlegar	up to 10 rebates of \$100
Town of Creston	up to 20 rebates of \$100
Village of Kaslo	up to 5 rebates of \$100
Village of Nakusp	up to 10 rebates of \$100
City of Nelson	up to 10 rebates matching Provincial grant amount
Village of New Denver	up to 5 rebates of \$100
Village of Salmo	up to 2 rebates of \$100
Village of Silverton	up to 3 rebates of \$100
Village of Slocan	up to 3 rebates of \$100
RDCK	up to 50 rebates of \$100

In order to qualify for the rebate, residents must replace an old (pre-1994), uncertified wood stove with a new, locally purchased, EPA- or CSA-certified appliance. Qualifying replacement appliances include:

- wood stoves;
- gas stoves;
- pellet stoves;
- Enerchoice designated gas or propane fueled inserts or electric inserts;
- EPA-certified factory-built wood fireplaces that replace a non-EPA-certified wood stove or non-EPA-certified wood insert – not an existing factory-built fireplace;

- Electric heat pumps that meets the criteria for BC's Home Renovation Rebate and Efficiency BC Program (<https://efficiencybc.ca/incentives/home-renovation-rebate-and-efficiencybc-program/>);
- EPA or CSA B415 certified woods or pellet furnaces ONLY if replacing an existing uncertified wood-burning furnace.

The replacement appliance must be in active use for home heating. One rebate permitted per property. Old stoves must be dismantled and brought to a RDCK landfill or transfer station for disposal.

For more information on the program, or for a copy of the rebate application, visit www.rdck.ca.

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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