

Why replace your old stove?

New stoves reduce smoke by 70% and use one third less wood!

Air quality has been recognized as a persistent health risk in the RDCK. The region's topography and rural nature combine to create a situation where many outdated wood stoves are in use and wood smoke remains trapped within the steep valleys. Air quality data indicates that the poorest conditions often exist during the winter months, when wood stove use is at its peak. Wood smoke can be more harmful to human health than smog.

By replacing your old, inefficient wood stove with a new, cleaner-burning appliance, you can help keep your community healthy!

Remember to 'Burn It Smart!'

Tips for safe and efficient wood burning:

- Build small, hot fires.
- Ensure the wood is properly seasoned, with a water content of 15% or less.
- Split wood into pieces 4" to 6" in diameter.
- Store wood outside, off the ground, and covered.
- Never burn garbage or treated wood,
- Use a high efficiency wood stove.
- Ensure your stove is installed or inspected by a certified technician.



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THE  LUNG ASSOCIATION™
British Columbia



And your local municipality.



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF
CENTRAL KOOTENAY

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Upgrade to an efficient heating appliance and receive a
\$350 rebate!

**SMARTER BURNING,
CLEANER LIVING.**

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The Wood Stove Exchange Program is a partnership between the Province of BC, the Lung Association of BC, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK), and your local municipality.



The program provides a financial incentive for you to exchange your old (pre-1994), uncertified wood stove for a new, EPA- or CSA-certified wood, pellet, gas heating appliance, electric insert or heat pump.

The \$350 rebates are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. One rebate per residence. It is your responsibility to fully complete the application and to ensure you meet all program requirements.

Please note that most insurance companies require that newly-installed wood stoves are inspected by a WETT-certified technician. In addition, the chimney must meet building code standards.

To receive the rebate, complete the following steps:

STEP 1: Qualify

To qualify, you must be a resident of the RDCK. The appliance being disposed of must currently be used in your home for heating purposes. It

must not be US EPA emission certified and it must have been manufactured prior to November 1st, 1994. Your retailer or the program coordinator can help you confirm that your stove qualifies.

STEP 2: Dispose of your Old Stove

Take a photo of your old stove as it is installed in your home, then dismantle it and take it to your local landfill or transfer station. You must pay to dispose of your old stove. Keep the disposal receipt. To prepare your old stove for disposal, remove all non-metal parts, remove the door, crush the flue collar and remove the firebrick from the appliance. Take all parts to an RDCK waste facility.

STEP 3: Purchase and Install your New Stove

Only new appliances are eligible for the rebate program. The value of the appliance must exceed the value of the rebate (\$350). Keep a copy of the purchase receipt. Ensure your stove is installed or inspected by a WETT-certified technician and that it meets building code requirements.



STEP 3: Submit your Application

Complete your application and send it to the RDCK. Applications must include copies of the following:

- Completed application form (available at www.rdck.ca or hard copies by request).

- Receipt for disposal of your old stove
- Receipt for your new appliance
- Photo of your old stove installed
- Photo of your new appliance installed

STEP 4: Receive your Grant

The rebate is valued at \$350. You will receive your rebate in the mail approximately six weeks following the date you submit your application. If you live in a rural area, you will receive the entire \$350 rebate from the RDCK. If you live in a municipality, you will receive \$250 from the RDCK and \$100 from your municipality.



Send your completed applications to:

Wood Stove Exchange Program
Environmental Services Department
Regional District of Central Kootenay
Box 590, 202 Lakeside Dr
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