



2024 RDCK FireSmart Rebate Application

As part of the Community Resiliency Investment program there is potential for homeowners to be compensated up to \$5,000 for performing FireSmart activities on residential property or homes. In order to qualify for this funding, homes must be assessed by a RDCK Wildfire Mitigation Specialist through the Home Partners Program. The rebate application intake is open from May 1st through to October 31st 2024.

Steps to apply for a rebate

Step 1 - Get a free FireSmart home assessment from an RDCK Wildfire Mitigation Specialist by filling out the online application at rdck.ca/firesmart emailing firesmart@rdck.bc.ca or calling 250-352-1539.

Step 2 – Work with your Wildfire Mitigation Specialist to complete a rebate work plan. This is where you can plan out your FireSmart mitigation actions and have some feedback on how to best prioritize your efforts.

Step 3 - Take action on the recommendations from your FireSmart home assessment. This can be accomplished by yourself or using hired help. Use the table on the Rebate Application Form to keep track of both your personal hours as well as any money spent on contractors or materials.

Step 4 - Submit your rebate application to firesmart@rdck.bc.ca. Please note that rebate applications over \$1000 will require a follow up visit from your Wildfire Mitigation Specialist.

How to use this form

Use the Rebate Application Form to track your own labour time (\$32.00/hr), hired contractors, expenses for materials, or a combination of these. On the table found on pages 2 and 3, find the category that best represents where the work was completed. There are three columns, the left column is where you would put any expenditures, the middle column is where you would put how many hours you personally put towards the project, the right column will calculate the value. Any expenditures in the left column will require an attached receipt. These values are totaled and calculated at the bottom of page 3.

Additional Information

- RDCK residents can apply for a FireSmart rebate for any amount between \$500 and \$5000. The rebate is a 50% cost share with the resident. This means one must complete \$1000 worth of mitigation work to receive \$500, \$10,000 or more to receive \$5,000 and anything in between.
- Each year we have a limited amount of funding to administer for rebates. Rebates are on a first come first serve basis starting in May.
- Only recommended mitigation work completed after the FireSmart assessment is eligible.
- Work with your Wildfire Mitigation Specialist to complete a Rebate Work Plan prior to applying for a rebate.
- Refer to the RDCK FireSmart Rebate Guide found on our website at www.rdck.ca/firesmart for a full list of rules.
- A complete rebate application must include; a complete rebate application form, photos showing the completed work, and any applicable receipts for all expenditures listed in the left column.
- Use this fillable PDF form and submit your application package via email to firesmart@rdck.bc.ca

RDCK FireSmart Application Form



Resident Information

Name:

Email:

Phone number:

Street address:

Mailing address:

Have you previously received
a RDCK FireSmart rebate?

Table 1 – Work hours estimate and associated costs for eligible FireSmart activities

Eligible FireSmart Activity		Contractor or material value	Homeowner hours	Total Cost
Home				
Roofing	Installation of Class A UL/ASTM fire rated roofing (e.g. Metal, clay tile or asphalt shingles)			
	Installation of non-combustible gutters			
	Removal of needles, leaves and other combustible materials (e.g. overhanging branches)			
	Installation of closed eaves and vents with 3 mm (1/8") screening or ASTM ember resistant rated vents			
Siding	Installation of ignition resistant (fibre cement board, log) or non-combustible (stucco, metals, brick/stone)			
	Correction of all gaps, cracks, missing siding or holes where embers could accumulate, lodge or penetrate			
	Create 15 cm ground-to-siding non-combustible clearance			
Windows and doors	Installation of tempered glass in all doors and windows			
	Installation of multi pane glass small/medium and treated in all windows and doors			
	Correction of gaps in doors (including garage doors) where embers could accumulate, lodge or penetrate			
Balcony, deck, porch or open foundation	Ensure that there are no gaps or cracks where embers could accumulate, lodge or penetrate			
	Removal of combustible debris under balcony, deck, porch or open foundation			
	Deck is constructed out of heavy timbre, non-combustible or fire-rated construction with non-combustible surface			

Yard / Zone 1 (1.5-10 metres or 5-30 feet)				
Woodpiles	Relocate woodpiles more than 10 metres from home			
Unmitigated outbuildings	Relocate outbuildings more than 10 metres (50 feet) from home			
Trees	Replacement or removal of mixed wood and/or conifer species			
Surface vegetation	Ensure a well-maintained lawn (10 cm or shorter, low flammability, low growing discontinuous plants)			
	Removal of flammable plants, continuous plants or tall growing plants			
	Removal of twigs, branches, logs and accumulations of tree needles or leaves and other combustible materials			
Yard / Zone 2 (10-30 metres or 30-100 feet)				
Forest	Planting of healthy and properly spaced deciduous			
	Replacement or thinning of mixed wood (both deciduous and conifer)			
	Creation of separated and thinned conifers (if present)			
Surface vegetation	Removal of surface vegetation within 10-30 metres			
	Removal or proper spacing of flammable shrubs within 10-30 metres			
	Removal of low tree branches within 2 metres of the ground			
Total				

Please note CRI only provides funding for FireSmart activities on residential property or homes that are outlined in above table.

The cost per hour is based on the FireSmart Canada hourly volunteer compensation rate.

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