



## **FireSmart™ Assessment Work Hours Estimate Form - Rebate Program**

Funded by the Community Resiliency Investment program homeowners can be compensated up to \$1,000 for performing FireSmart activities on their residential property or home. In order to qualify for this funding, properties must be assessed by a certified RDCK Wildfire Mitigation Specialist.

**Step 1** - Get a free FireSmart home assessment from a RDCK Wildfire Mitigation Specialist by filling out the online application at [rdck.ca/firesmart](http://rdck.ca/firesmart) or calling 250-352-1539.

**Step 2** - Take action on the recommendations provided on your FireSmart home assessment report. This can be accomplished by yourself, with your neighbours, or by hired help.

**Step 3** - Submit your rebate application. Use this Work Hours Estimate form to keep track of both your personal hours as well as any money spent on contractors or materials.

### **Important Additional Information**

- Rebates are available up to \$1,000 and a minimum of \$500. The value of the rebate is calculated by taking the total value of wildfire mitigation work completed and dividing in half. This means homeowners must complete over \$2,000 worth of mitigation work to be eligible to receive the maximum \$1,000 rebate. Eligible work can include your own labour valued at \$29.00 per hour, hired contractors, expenses for materials, or any combination of these.
- The RDCK has a limited number of rebates available, they will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.
- For returning rebate applicants, only work completed since your last rebate application will be accepted for your 2nd or 3rd rebate application. This means you can not re-apply for work you already received a rebate for.
- An inspection of the work completed may need to be conducted by the Wildfire Mitigation Specialist.
- Only work outlined in your FireSmart assessment will be eligible for the rebate.
- Work or expenses completed prior to the FireSmart home assessment will not be eligible (no retroactive payments). There is always more you can do to protect your property. If you continue work after your assessment, you can claim a rebate this year. If your FireSmart assessment took place in 2018 or later, work completed after the assessment is applicable.
- A full rebate application package must include a completed Work Hours Estimate Form, photos showing the completed work, as well as any applicable receipts from contractors or materials.
- The RDCK will accept rebate applications annually between May 1st and November 15th. Applications can be submitted to [firesmart@rdck.bc.ca](mailto:firesmart@rdck.bc.ca)



# FireSmart Assessment Work Hours Estimate Form

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
<b>Home</b>				
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			

<b>Yard / Zone 1 (1.5-10 metres or 5-30 feet)</b>				
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			
<b>Yard / Zone 2 (10-30 metres or 30-100 feet)</b>				
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			
<b>Total</b>				

*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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