



Frequently Asked Questions about the FireSmart \$500 Rebate Program

Q. How do I know if I am eligible for a FireSmart Rebate?

A. If you have had a FireSmart Canada Home Partners Assessment completed on your home, and you have done work to complete some or all of the recommendations in the report you can be eligible for the rebate. You must complete \$1,000 worth of mitigation work to be eligible. This can include your own labour time (\$25.43/hr), hired contractors, expenses for materials, or a combination of these.

Q. Can I get a rebate if I have had a FireSmart Assessment completed in the past?

A. Yes. If you have had a FireSmart Canada Home Partners Assessment performed by an RDCK Wildfire Mitigation Specialist (we can check if you are not sure), you can earn a rebate if you take action on your assessment recommendations during the 2021 season. Take before and after photos to show us you did the work this year!

Q. Do I have to spend \$1,000 to get a rebate?

A. No, you do not have to spend \$1,000 to get the rebate. You can spend \$1,000 purchasing materials, hire contractors or complete the work yourself and receive credit for your time. Labour time is valued at \$25.43 per hour. If you work 40 hours on the recommended FireSmart actions, your time will be valued at \$1017.20, enough to qualify for the \$500 rebate. You can also submit any combination of material receipts, contractor receipts, and labor time to achieve the minimum \$1,000 required to receive a rebate.

Q. When do I have to do the work to qualify?

A. The rebate program will be available for registration from May 15th to October 30th 2021 on a first-come first-served basis. The deadline to complete the recommended work, and request a rebate is November 30th, 2021.

Q. Can I claim a rebate for work I have already done.

A. Sorry, work or expenses completed prior to the rebate announcement will not be eligible (no retroactive payments). There is always more you can do to protect your property. If you continue work in 2021, you can claim a rebate this year.

Q. How many rebates are available?

A. 34 rebates per RDCK electoral area are available on a first come, first served basis.

Q. I want to FireSmart my house and get a \$500 rebate. How do I get started?

A. Fill out the [ONLINE APPLICATION](#) or CALL 250-352-1539 to book your free assessment.

Have any more questions? Email firesmart@rdck.bc.ca or call 250-352-1539