



2025 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. To qualify for this funding, homes must be assessed by a RDCK Wildfire Mitigation Specialist through the Wildfire Mitigation Program (prior to 2025 known as the Home Partners Program). **The rebate application intake is open from May 1st through to October 31st 2025.** Full rebate details and frequently asked questions can be found on the [RDCK FireSmart Rebate Guide](#).

Important information

- All rebates are funded through the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Grant (CRI). This means the RDCK has an annual limit on total rebates that can be issued, and are bound to distribute these rebates in accordance with provincial CRI guidelines.
- **It is possible that the RDCK will run out of rebate funding annually before the rebate intake concludes each fall.** Once rebate funding has been exhausted no more rebates may be issued that year. Rebate funding varies between RDCK electoral areas and participating municipalities.
- Only mitigation work recommended on your FireSmart assessment and listed in table 1 of this application form **within 30m of the primary residence** is eligible for rebate.
- Only work completed after the initial RDCK FireSmart assessment has taken place will be eligible, no exceptions will be made. Work plans will be reviewed with priority focus from the home out.
- Mitigation work applied on must be consistent with the descriptions found on this Rebate Application Form in Table 1 on pages 2 and 3.
- It is the responsibility of residents to ensure work meets local building regulations and bylaws where applicable
- All rebate applications must be accompanied by a copy of the FireSmart Home Assessment. If you do not have a copy of your assessment filed, you may need to complete this form: <https://firesmartcanada.ca/home-partners-assessment-report-request/>

How to submit your application

You can submit your rebate via email to firesmart@rdck.bc.ca emailed applications are preferred. Please use the fillable PDF formats to complete the application forms and send electronically as this will speed up the approval process. If file sizes are too large to email in one go, feel free to send multiple emails with photos to show the completed work.

A complete rebate application must include:

- A copy of your FireSmart Home Assessment.
- A previously approved Rebate Work Plan
- This application form fully completed
- A copy or photo of a receipt for any costs listed in the “contractor or material value” section
- Photos of the completed mitigation work

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.

Resident Information**Name:****Email:****Phone Number:****Street Address:****Mailing address:**☐ Home assessment attached

Table 1 - Eligible FireSmart Activity		Contractor or Material Value	Homeowner Hours	Total Cost
On The Home - Max \$5000 applied on				
Roofing	Installation of UL/ASTM fire rated roofing(ex. Metal, clay tile, asphalt shingles) when replacing existing wood roof or severely deteriorated roof			
	Installation of non-combustible gutters when replacing vinyl or wood gutters			
	Removal of needles, leaves and other combustible materials from gutters - Max \$500 applied on			
	Installation of closed eaves and vents with 3 mm (1/8") screening or ASTM ember resistant rated vents			
Siding/Building Exterior	Installation of non-combustible exterior siding material (fibre cement board, stucco, metals, brick/stone) and non-combustible fascia where gutters are present.			
	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	Replacement of single pane windows with tempered glass in any size door or window			
	Replacement of single pane windows with multi pane, sealed glass units in small/medium doors or windows			
	Correction of gaps in doors (including garage doors) where embers could accumulate, lodge or penetrate			
Balcony, Deck, Porch or Open Foundation	Ensure that deck boards or timbers have no gaps or cracks where embers could accumulate, lodge or penetrate			
	Removal of combustible debris under balcony, deck, porch or open foundation			
	Replacement of existing deck: Deck is constructed with non-combustible materials, or heavy timber with solid surface decking, or class A fire-rated deck boards with foil bitumen tape along joists			

Immediate Zone (0-1.5m from home) - Max \$4000 applied on				
Non-combustible Surface	Ensure there is a 1.5 metre non-combustible surface around the home and all attached structures			
Vegetation	Ensure there is no vegetation (i.e. shrubs, grass, trees within the Immediate zone)			
Combustible Materials	Remove combustible debris, materials, fences, and other stored material or replace combustible fences/landscape timbers with non-combustible			
Intermediate Zone (1.5-10m from home) - Max \$3000 applied on				
Woodpiles	Relocate woodpiles more than 10 metres from home or to mitigated structure			
Unmitigated Outbuildings	Relocate outbuildings more than 10 metres (50 feet) from home or mitigate to FireSmart standards. – Rebate maximums in this category will be reviewed on a case by case basis up to \$5,000			
Trees	Remove coniferous trees from this zone or mitigate approved "leave tree" conifers (limb to 2m and ensure 3m crown spacing). Replace identified conifers or hedges with fire resistant deciduous varieties – Max \$5000 applied on			
Surface Vegetation	Ensure a well-maintained lawn (10 cm or shorter, low flammability, low growing discontinuous plants) - Max \$250 applied on			
	Removal of flammable plants			
	Removal of twigs, branches, logs and accumulations of tree needles or leaves and other combustible materials			
Extended Zone (10-30m from home) - Max \$2000 applied on				
Trees	Replace identified conifers with fire resistant deciduous varieties			
	Separation and thinning of conifers			
Ladder Fuels	Removal of low tree branches within 2-3m of the ground			
	Removal or proper spacing of flammable shrubs within 10-30m			
Surface Vegetation	Removal of surface vegetation and built up debris within 10-30m			
Totals:				

The term "Max applied on" refers to the total allowable maximum dollar value for that activity after the 50% cost share has been applied e.g. \$8000 of value in a category would equal \$4000 applied on

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

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