



FireSmart Assessments

Is your home FireSmart?

How can I earn a \$500 Rebate?

It's Easy! Simply follow the steps below to earn your rebate and to help protect your home and property from wildfires.

Get a FireSmart Assessment • *Take Action on the Recommendations* • *Get a Rebate*

Step 1: Request a FireSmart Home & Property Assessment

- Book your free assessment
- Phone 250.720.2700 or email FireSmart@acrd.bc.ca to request an assessment

Step 2: Have an Assessment Completed by a Certified FireSmart Assessor

- The certified FireSmart Assessor will provide homeowners with recommendations for improvements on the *FireSmart Home Ignition Zone Assessment Score Card*.
- If your score indicates a rating of moderate or above, then the assessor will also provide homeowners with a *FireSmart Assessment Work Hours Estimate Form*. Use the form as a guide to complete some or all of the work outlined in the recommendations.

Step 3: Take action on the recommendations made in your FireSmart Assessment

- Take action to complete the recommended mitigation activities
- Remember to save all your receipts (materials or labour) for associated costs
- Note: homeowners can complete the work themselves or hire others
- Tip: take pictures *before* you start the improvements to show your work

Step 4: Submit your information & receive approval

- Provide confirmation of your work and show the actions you have taken
- Submit before and after photos, receipts and/or other documents as proof that the work has been completed, as recommended.
- Submit documentation to FireSmart@acrd.bc.ca or drop-off/mail to: 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3

Step 5: Get your rebate!

- Upon approval, a rebate will be issued
- Please allow 2-4 for processing

5 FireSmart Steps to \$500

Available for the residents of Beaver Creek, Cherry Creek, Sproat Lake, Beaufort, Tseshaht First Nation, Hupacasath First Nation & the City of Port Alberni



Frequently Asked Questions

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

After a certified FireSmart Assessor completes an assessment of your home, they will confirm your eligibility and provide you with a completed *FireSmart Assessment Work Hours Estimate Form*. This form will outline an estimate on work hours and associated costs for eligible FireSmart activities.

What do I have to do to receive a FireSmart Rebate?

Homeowners are required to have a FireSmart home assessment and complete some or all of the recommended work. You must complete a minimum of \$1,000 worth of mitigation work to be eligible. This can include your own labour time (\$28.54/ hour), hired contractors, expenses for materials or a combination of these. Homeowners are required to prove the wildfire mitigation work has been done by submitting receipts, before and after photos or other documentation and summarize all associated expenses on the *FireSmart Rebate Request Form*, as a record of completion.

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

No, you don't. Rebates are available for 50% of your submitted expenses with a maximum rebate of \$500 per property. If you submit less than \$1,000, you will receive 50% of all the eligible costs. Please note, you can combine expenses for materials, hired contractors and/or you can receive a credit for your time if you do the work yourself. If you choose to do the mitigation work yourself, labour time is valued at \$28.54 per hour and completing 35.5 hours of recommended work meets the requirements to receive a full \$500 rebate.

When is the deadline to receive a rebate?

Homeowners must have a certified assessment, complete the recommended work and submit documentation no later than January 15, 2022 to receive a rebate. Please be aware, funds are limited and rebates will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Can I claim a rebate for work I have already done?

No, there is not retroactive payments available. Any work that has been completed prior to your home assessment is not eligible.

If I want to FireSmart my home and receive a \$500 rebate, how do I get started?

Start on your path towards a FireSmart property by requesting a home assessment. Phone 250.720.2700 or email FireSmart@acrd.bc.ca.

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