

WHY REPLACE YOUR OLD WOOD STOVE?

New Stoves reduce smoke by 70% and use one third less wood!

Remember to 'Burn It Smart'

Air Quality has been recognized as persistent health risk in the RDCK. The region's topography and rural nature combine to create a situation where many outdated wood stoves are in use and wood smoke remains trapped with in the steep valleys. Air quality data indicates that the poorest conditions often exist during the winter months, when wood stove use is at its peak. Wood smoke can be more harmful to human health than smog.

By replacing your old, inefficient wood stove with a new, cleaner burning appliance, you can help keep your community healthy!

Smart ways to use your wood stove to minimize impacts to your health and your neighbors:

- Build small, hot fires
- Ensure the wood is properly seasoned, with a water content of 20% or less
- Split wood into pieces 4"-6" in diameter
- Store wood outside, off the ground and covered
- Never burn garbage or treated wood
- Use high efficiency wood stove
- Ensure your stove is installed or inspected by a certified technician

The Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program is partnership between the following organizations:



**BC LUNG
FOUNDATION**



Ministry of
Environment and
Climate Change Strategy

And your local municipality.

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COMMUNITY WOOD SMOKE REDUCTION PROGRAM

The Wood Stove Exchange Program is a partnership between the Province of BC, the BC Lung Foundation, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK), and your local municipality.

The program provides a financial incentive for you to exchange your old uncertified wood stove for a new, EPA- or CSA-certified wood or pellet heating appliance, electric insert or heat pump.

There are a limited number of rebates, available on a first-come-first-served basis. One rebate per residence. It is your responsibility to fully complete the application and to ensure you meet all program requirements. The new incentive levels are: (1) \$500 for an exchange from an old stove to a new certified wood burning appliance or an electric insert. (2) \$750 for an exchange from an old wood stove to a pellet stove; (3) \$1000 for an exchange from an old wood stove to a heat pump.

Please note that most insurance companies require that newly-installed wood stoves are inspected by a WETT-certified technician. In addition, the chimney must meet building code standards.

Send your Application to:

Ellen Skagerberg
Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program
Regional District of Central Kootenay
Box 590, 202 Lakeside Drive

To receive the rebate, complete the following steps:

STEP 1: QUALIFY

To qualify, you must be a resident of the RDCK. The appliance being disposed of must currently be used in your home for heating purposes. It must not be US EPA emission certified. The new stove must be purchased locally. Your retailer or the program coordinator can help you confirm that your stove qualifies. Exchange of an older certified wood-burning stove (pre-2015) may be allowed if it is approved by your local coordinator. If you qualify, download the Application form from the RDCK Website (www.rdck.ca) or obtain a copy from the office.

STEP 2: DISPOSE OF YOUR OLD STOVE

Take a photo of your old stove as it is installed in your home and take a clear photo of the serial plate. Record the make, model and year of the stove on your Application form.

To prepare your old stove for disposal, remove all non-metal parts & doors, crush the flue collar and remove the firebrick from the appliance. Take all the parts to your local RDCK disposal facility. You must pay to dispose of your old stove. Keep the disposal receipt and have the Attendant sign the "Witness to Disposal" section on your Application.

If the Retailer of your new stove is taking care of the disposal, their signature is required on the Application Form on both the "Retailer" and

STEP 3: PURCHASE & INSTALL NEW WOOD STOVE

Only new appliances are eligible for the rebate program. The value of the appliance must exceed the value of the rebate. Keep a copy of the purchase receipt and have the Retailer Sign your Application.

Ensure your stove is installed or inspected by a WETT-certified technician and that it meets building code requirements.

STEP 4: SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Applications must include:

- Completed application form (including signatures from the Applicant, Retailer and Witness of Disposal);
- Receipt for disposal of your old stove;
- Receipt for your new appliance;
- Photo of your old stove installed;
- Photo of your new appliance installed;
- Completed CWSRP Survey

STEP 5: RECEIVE YOUR GRANT

The wood stove rebate is valued at \$500 (woodstove), \$750 (Pellet Stove), \$1000 (Heat Pump). You will receive your rebate in the mail approximately six weeks following the date you submit a complete application.

If you live in a rural area, you will receive the entire rebate from the RDCK. If you live in a municipality, you will receive \$500 to \$1000 from the Provincial funding, through the RDCK, and \$100 from your municipality on a first-come-first-served basis.