

# WHY REPLACE YOUR OLD WOOD STOVE?

New Stoves reduce smoke by 70% and use one third less wood! [govt.bc.ca](http://govt.bc.ca)

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## ‘BURN IT SMART’

Air Quality has been recognized as a persistent health risk. The RDCK’s topography and rural nature combine to create a situation where many outdated wood stoves are in use and smoke remains trapped within the steep valleys.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.

([www.epa.gov/burnwise/wood-smoke-and-your-health](http://www.epa.gov/burnwise/wood-smoke-and-your-health))

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

### 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” to 6” in diameter.
- Store wood outside, off the ground and covered to keep it dry.
- Never burn garbage or treated wood.
- Use a high efficiency wood stove.
- Ensure your stove is installed or inspected by a certified technician.

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



**BC LUNG  
FOUNDATION**

**and your local municipality**



## COMMUNITY WOOD SMOKE REDUCTION Program Guide

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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 and are 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 2024 incentive levels are:

- \$600 for an exchange from an old stove to a new certified wood burning appliance or an electric insert.
- \$1000 for an exchange from an old wood stove to a pellet stove; and
- \$1500 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 current building code standards.

## COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO RECEIVE A REBATE:

### STEP 1: TO QUALIFY:

- You must be a resident of the RDCK.
- The appliance being disposed of must be currently used in your home for heating purposes, not be US EPA emission certified and must be purchased locally.
- Your retailer, or the program coordinator, can help you determine if your stove qualifies.
- Exchange of an older certified wood-burning stove (pre-2015) may be allowed if it is approved by your local coordinator (stipulations apply).
- If you qualify, download the application form from the RDCK Website ([www.rdck.ca](http://www.rdck.ca)) or obtain a copy from the Nelson RDCK office.

### STEP 2: DISPOSE OF YOUR OLD STOVE:

- Take a photo of your old stove as it is installed in your home and 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 and 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 ask the Attendant to 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 'Witness of Disposal' lines.

### 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 ask the Retailer to sign your Application.
- Ensure your stove is installed or inspected by a WETT certified technician and that it meets current building code requirements.

### STEP 4: SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION:

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

### RECEIVING YOUR REBATE

- The wood stove provincial rebate is valued at \$600 (woodstove), \$1000 (Pellet Stove), \$1500 (Heat Pump).
- You will receive your rebate in the mail approximately six weeks following the date you submit a complete application.
- Rural areas: will receive the entire rebate from the RDCK with a top up incentive (some areas do not apply)
- Municipality: will receive \$600 to \$1500 from the Provincial funding, through the RDCK, and \$100 from your municipality (some areas do not apply) on a first-come-first-served basis.