

Home Assessment Rebate Application Form

The personal information you submit through the FireSmart BC Rebate Program Application Form(s) – including your name, residential and email address, exterior photos of your property and contact number – is collected by the CVRD pursuant to Section 26 (c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act), solely for the purpose of responding to your request to participate in this program. Personal information will only be used for the purpose to which it was collected, unless its release is authorized by its owner or is compelled by a Court or an agent duly authorized under another Act. Your personal information may be shared with FireSmart BC if you qualify for the rebate program in order to facilitate funding.

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Application must be submitted by **August 16, 2024.**

All paperwork etc. must be in by **August 30, 2024.**

Full Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Are you the owner of the property listed above (listed on title)?

- YES NO

Is this your primary residence?

- YES NO

If no, is your property a primary residence for its occupant(s)?

- YES NO

Have you had a FireSmart Home Assessment on or after January 1, 2021*?

- YES NO

* If your FireSmart home assessment was not completed by our EMC FireSmart team, please include a copy of the assessment in your application request by email.

I _____ (print name) have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of the Program on page 2 of this document.

Signature:

Date:

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- Eligibility Confirmed (applicant is the home owner, property is a primary residence, property is located within an CVRD Electoral Area, property is within 200 meters of a high or extreme risk area in CWPP 2019)
- FireSmart Home Assessment Completed (Ignition Scorecard or HIZ Assessment). Date: _____
- Notified to Proceed Date: _____
- Final Documentation Received – Date: _____
- Post-Review/Assessment Complete (or n/a)
- Approved for Payment Amount of: _____ Date: _____

Terms & Conditions

1. Only residential home owners are eligible for the Cowichan 2024 FireSmart Rebate Program. Each applicant must meet the following criteria:
 - a. The applicant must be the home owner (as listed on land title or personal home insurance policy, proof may be requested);
 - b. The property must be the owner's primary residence, and/or occupied as a primary residence for all suites;
 - c. The home must be in CVRD electoral area A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, or I; and
 - d. The home must be within 200 metres of a high risk or extreme risk wildfire area.
2. Ineligibility: CVRD employees, either at their own homes or properties where they are listed on title, are not eligible to participate in the EMC FireSmart homeowner rebate program.
3. Limit one rebate per property. Landowners with more than one property may apply for a total of one rebate only.
4. Homeowners are eligible for a 50% reimbursement on mitigation work hours and expenses. To receive the maximum \$1,000 rebate, homeowners must complete \$2,000 worth of eligible work.
5. The minimum grant value is \$500. To receive the minimum \$500 rebate, homeowners must complete a minimum of \$1000 worth of eligible work. Work may include the homeowner's labour (valued at \$30/hr.), hired contractor invoices, purchased materials, or any combination of the above as per the recommendations on the FireSmart home assessment.
6. A FireSmart Home Assessment must be completed prior to starting work and a copy provided to EMC to confirm eligibility. The FireSmart have been done on or after January 1, 2021.
7. Only mitigation work recommended in the property's FireSmart Home Assessment Report will qualify for the rebate. Work not related to the recommendations of this report will not be eligible.
8. Mitigation work or expenses generated prior to the FireSmart Home Assessment are not eligible.
9. A limited number of rebates will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis at the sole discretion of EMC staff.
10. This Program may end without notice at the discretion of the Cowichan Valley Regional District, and/or Emergency Management Cowichan.
11. An inspection of mitigation work completed may be conducted by our FireSmart team or a Wildfire Mitigation Specialist to confirm your eligibility for the rebate. To complete this inspection, EMC staff may visit the property to confirm that eligible work was completed.
12. Proof of work completed is required. Final submissions will be required to include a completed a Program Work Hours Form, copies of invoices from contractors, and/or payment receipts for materials, whichever are applicable.

Please submit completed form to
FireSmart@emcowichan.ca

or

Emergency Management Cowichan
175 Ingram Street
Duncan, BC V9L 1N8

* Application must be postmarked no later than August 9, 2024