

4 Easy Steps to Complete Your Rebate Application

STEP 1: Download your application forms

Visit firesmart.rdos.bc.ca to download the application forms on the 'Rebate Information' page.

STEP 2: Include the following in your package

- Before and after photos of work completed.
- Original receipts for materials used to complete work on your property.

STEP 3: Complete a one-hour online FireSmart 101 course

- Include the certificate of completion with your application.

STEP 4: Send in your completed application

- Send application by email to firesmart@rdos.bc.ca or regular mail to RDOS FireSmart, 101 Martin St., Penticton, BC, V2A 5J9.

About FireSmart

The goal of FireSmart is to encourage residents and communities to adopt and conduct FireSmart practices to help prevent the ignition of property and homes.

Contact Us

By email at firesmart@rdos.bc.ca. For further information about FireSmart, visit firesmart.rdos.bc.ca.

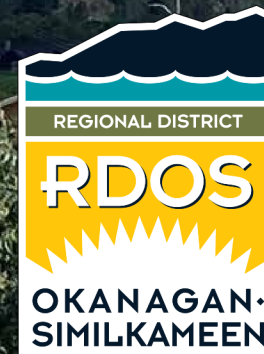


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The FireSmart rebate provides up to \$1000 to homeowners living within the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) who conduct FireSmart work on their property. This money may be used to reimburse the cost of materials and/or to cover time spent conducting hazard mitigation work on their property.

What You Need to Know

Residents, community associations and strata properties within the RDOS nine electoral areas are eligible to apply.

- Labour costs will be calculated as 50% of \$28.54 per hour up to \$1000 (subject to change).
- The work must be conducted within the FireSmart Home Ignition Zones, which includes the home and surrounding yard areas (see illustration).
- Residential property owners can complete the mitigation activities themselves, or hire others to complete the work.
- Limited numbers available.

Please note that the RDOS FireSmart rebate program may be subject to change. For the latest updates, visit firesmart.rdos.bc.ca.



Eligible FireSmart Activities

In general, the following activities are eligible for rebate. For the full list, visit firesmart.rdos.bc.ca.

Roofing: Remove combustible debris and overhanging branches.

Siding: Remove combustible debris.

Decking: Remove all combustible material from under or adjacent to deck, relocate firewood piles.

Landscaping: Ensure 1.5 metre horizontal non-combustible surface perimeter along the outer walls of the primary structure, plant low density of fire-resistant plants, remove woody debris, remove flammable plants.

FireSmart Intermediate Zone: Remove material that would easily ignite, thin and prune trees, clean up accumulations of fallen branches, remove dry grass and needles.

FireSmart Extended Zone: Plant deciduous trees, remove standing dead and coarse woody debris, remove unmaintained grasses, ensure flammable shrubs are well spaced, remove low tree branches below two metres from the ground.



Consider seeking the guidance of a forest professional with wildland fire knowledge on appropriate management options for woodlands beyond the FireSmart Extended Zone.

