

WHY REPLACE YOUR OLD STOVE?

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

Air quality has been recognized as a 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 The region's topography and rural nature combine to create a situation where many outdated wood stoves are in use and wood smoke remains trapped within the steep valleys.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.

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

Remember to 'Burn It Smart'

Tips for safe & efficient wood burning:

- Build small, hot fires
- Ensure the wood is properly seasoned, with a water content of 15% 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 a high efficiency wood stove
- Ensure your stove is installed or inspected by a certified technician

The **Wood Stove Exchange Program** is a partnership between the following organizations:



Wood Stove Exchange



And your local municipality.

RDCK Wood Stove Exchange Coordinator:

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Program Guide

WOOD STOVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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

The program provides a financial incentive for you to exchange your old (pre-1994), uncertified wood stove for a new, EPA- or CSA-certified wood, pellet, gas 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) \$350 for an exchange from an old stove to a new certified wood burning appliance or an electric insert; (2) \$500 for an exchange from an old wood stove to an electric heat pump, pellet stove or natural gas appliance.

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.

List of EPA Certified Stoves:

<https://www.epa.gov/compliance/list-epa-certified-wood-stoves>

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 and it must have been manufactured prior to November 1, 1994. Your retailer or the program coordinator can help you confirm that your stove qualifies.

If you qualify, download the Application form from the RDCK Website (www.rdck.ca) or obtain a copy from the office (202 Lakeside Dr., Nelson).

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 "Witness of Disposal" lines.

STEP 3: PURCHASE & INSTALL NEW STOVE

Only new appliances are eligible for the rebate program. The value of the appliance must exceed the value of the rebate (\$350). 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:

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

Send your Application to:

Wood Stove Exchange Program

Environmental Services Department

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Box 590, 202 Lakeside Drive

Nelson, BC, V1L 5R4 RGeorge@rdck.bc.ca

STEP 5: RECEIVE YOUR GRANT

The rebate is valued at \$350 (wood/electric insert) or \$500 (pellet/gas stove). 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 \$250 or \$400 from the Provincial funding, through the RDCK, and \$100 from your municipality.