

KAG Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program – 2023 Terms and Conditions.

Eligibility Period:

New replacement appliances must be purchased from a licensed BC retail store during the eligibility period for the program. For 2023, the eligibility period for the purchase to take place is January 1st, 2023, to December 30th, 2023.

Eligible Program Area:

Owners of residences in the Kitimat-Terrace Valley Airshed are eligible to apply to the KAG Wood Smoke Reduction Program to upgrade wood burning appliances at. To find a Wood Stove Exchange Program running in another region, please visit [this page](#), on the Province of British Columbia's website.

Rebate Value:

The value of the rebate for the 2023 KAG Wood Smoke Reduction Program is:

The rebate amounts for 2023:

CSA or EPA-certified woodstove - \$500

Pellet Stove - \$750

Electric heat pump - \$1000

First Nations Communities rebate amounts for 2023:

CSA or EPA-certified woodstove - \$1000

Pellet Stove - \$1500

Electric heat pump - \$2000

Exception: rebate value cannot exceed new appliance price.

- Program participants **may** also be eligible to have their permit fee waived by their local government (wood burning appliance replacements only). Please contact your local government office (municipal or regional district) to inquire. Participants should also contact their insurance company to learn if they can save on home insurance (by qualifying as a secondary heat source).

Eligible original appliances:

Qualifying Original Appliances

The following original appliances qualify for exchange under this Program

- A free-standing non-EPA certified "stove" or a "homemade" or "barrel" stove.

- A so-called “airtight” non-EPA-certified fireplace insert.
- A non-EPA-certified “wood furnace” (ducted, forced air, home heating appliance) – may be replaced by an EPA-certified wood or pellet furnace.
- A wood-burning cook stove.
- As of January 2023, under the CleanBC initiative and emissions reduction goals for BC, natural gas and propane appliances **no longer qualify for rebates under the CWSRP.**

Qualifying Replacement Appliances

The following NEW appliances qualify to replace the non-EPA Appliances:

- A high-efficiency pellet stove, an electric stove, or an EPA-certified clean burning wood stove.
- A high-efficiency pellet insert, an electric insert, or an EPA-certified clean burning wood insert.
- An electric heat pump that meets the criteria for BC’s Home Renovation Rebate and Efficiency BC Program <https://app.bchydro.com/hero/HeatPumpLookup>

The following original appliances do NOT qualify for exchange under this Program (program funding will NOT be provided to install these appliances):

- A new insert to an existing open-hearth fireplace that does NOT currently have an insert installed. An exchange of an existing wood appliance must take place.
- Factory built (“zero clearance”) fireplaces.
- Wood cook stoves (These are EPA exempt and therefore are not covered by this program. They may be replaced by an EPA-certified stove or other “non-cooking” product within the qualification list above).
- Tin heaters/tent stoves (NOT used in a residential application)
- Natural gas or propane insert of the appliance.
- Destroying Original Appliances

You or your contractor are responsible for ensuring that the old appliance can no longer be used or sold again. You must prove that the appliance has been rendered unusable or crushed at a scrap metal facility (provide a photo) or signed declaration from facility attendant (add a link to page 3 here). A receipt from the scrap metal facility will not be accepted as proof that the stove has been destroyed. You can make the stove unusable by removing the doors, breaking the glass, damaging the hinges with a hammer, and bashing in the flue collar (take a photo).

Application Submissions

- The online application and all attachments must be submitted through the KAG's website or contact KAG for a PDF application.

Rebate Cheques

- Rebate cheques will be mailed out to the participant/homeowner within 6 weeks of receiving their completed application. **Incomplete information that is submitted, missing documents, or non-eligibility for the Program will delay or void the issuing of your rebate.**

Check List

- KAG Wood Smoke Reduction Program – 2023 CWSRP Application filled out completely.
- Copy of receipt of purchase for the new appliance.
- Copy of Solid Fuel heating permit (for replacement wood-burning appliances only, if applicable).
- Copy of WETT Inspection (for replacement wood-burning appliances, if applicable).
- Photos showing:
 - Old appliance still installed.
 - New appliance installed (in the same location as an old appliance).
- EPA plate/label of the new appliance (wood-burning appliances only – usually found on the backside).
- Old appliance destroyed or submitted a signed form from the landfill attendant stating the appliance is being scrapped. Program participants cannot complete their own declaration form. Declaration forms are available on the application page.