2026 District of Mackenzie FireSmart Rebate Guide

As part of the Community Resiliency Investment Program, homeowners could be compensated up to $1,000 for performing FireSmart activities on their properties. To qualify for this funding, homes must be assessed by a District of Mackenzie Wildfire Mitigation Specialist through the FireSmart BC Wildfire Mitigation Program. The rebate application intake is open from May 1st through October 31st, 2026.

STEPS TO APPLY FOR A REBATE

Step 1 - Get a free FireSmart home assessment from a District of Mackenzie Wildfire Mitigation Specialist by filling out the online application at District of Mackenzie FireSmart emailing firesmart@districtofmackenzie.ca or calling 250-997-4221.

Step 2—Work with your Wildfire Mitigation Specialist to complete a rebate work plan. This is where you can plan out your FireSmart mitigation actions and receive feedback on how to best prioritize your efforts.

Step 3 - Act on the recommendations from your FireSmart home assessment. This can be accomplished by yourself or by using a contractor. Use the table on the FireSmart Rebate Work Hours Form to keep track of both your hours as well as any money spent on contractors or materials.

Step 4 - Submit your complete rebate application package. Please note that rebate applications will require a follow-up visit from your Wildfire Mitigation Specialist.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much can I apply for and how is the amount calculated?

Mackenzie residents can apply for a FireSmart rebate for any amount up to $1000. The rebate is a 50% cost share with the homeowner. This means one must complete $400 worth of mitigation work to receive $200, $2000 or more to receive $1000 and anything in between.

What types of things can I do to qualify for the rebate?

After your FireSmart assessment, you will receive a report that details all the recommended FireSmart mitigation actions for your home and property. Only work outlined by your Wildfire Mitigation Specialist on this report is eligible for the rebate.

How do I calculate the value and track mitigation actions taken on my property?

Use the FireSmart Rebate Work Hours Form to track your own labor time ($32.00/hr), hired contractors, expenses for materials, or a combination of these. There are three columns, the left column is where you would put your hours worked, the middle column automatically calculates your hourly rate, and the right column will calculate the value. Any expenditures in the contractor and materials section at the bottom of the form will require an attached receipt. These values are totaled and calculated at the bottom of page 3.

Can I complete the work myself?

Yes, you can work towards any project yourself by tracking the number of hours you put towards it. Each hour is valued at $32.00 per hour.

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What is the timeline for application?

FireSmart Rebate applications are accepted from May 1st through to October 31st, 2026. If you don't get your application in by October 31st you can continue to work on it throughout the winter and spring and apply once the rebate intake begins the following year.

What is a rebate follow up and do I need one?

A rebate follow-up is a quick visit from a Wildfire Mitigation Specialist (WMS) to confirm the mitigation work completed on the application. This is also a chance to discuss next steps and where to prioritize. Any rebate application will require a quick follow-up visit from a WMS.

Can homeowners receive multiple rebates?

We limit one rebate per home, per year. This means if you have received a rebate in the past you can apply for another one the following year. Once your rebate is approved, any work completed after this will be eligible for your next rebate.

I had my assessment completed through the District of Mackenzie last year and now want to apply for a rebate, do I need another assessment?

No, any recommended FireSmart mitigation work completed after your assessment took place will qualify for a rebate. Please note that if you are planning mitigation work starting in 2026 you will need to work with your Wildfire Mitigation Specialist to complete the FireSmart Rebate Work Plan document to approve the planned work

Is there a limited number of rebates available per year?

Yes, each year we have a limited amount of funding to administer for rebates. Rebates are on a first come first serve basis starting in May. If you submit a rebate application after available funds are gone it is ok, you will be able to resubmit that rebate application the following year and access the rebate then.

Can I get a rebate for my property that does not have a home on it?

No, we require a fully built home on the property to access the rebate.

How do I submit my rebate?

You can submit your rebate via email to firesmart@districtofmackenzie.ca or in person at the Firehall, located at 60 Centennial Drive. If you are submitting by email, please use the fillable PDF formats to complete the application forms and send electronically as this will speed up the approval process. If file sizes are too large to email in one go, feel free to send multiple emails with photos to show the completed work.

Can I get a rebate on a Mobile or Manufactured Home in a Trailer Park?

Mobile and Manufactured Homes are eligible for the rebate program but have certain limitations surrounding eligible activities. Work with your local Wildfire Mitigation Specialist to develop a work plan before beginning work to ensure the proposed activities are eligible under the rebate program.

Helpful links:

District of Mackenzie FireSmart

Sign up for an assessment