# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Resident must be property owner to apply for a rebate.
- The FireSmart volunteer compensation rate for 2025 is \$32.00/hr.
- Please note that rebates are limited to 50% of the total cost of the eligible activities and no more than \$1000 per property.
- You must apply for rebates by Dec 1st of 2026, although, if the FireSmart Rebate program continues to be funded in 2027, you can apply for a rebate one calendar year from the assessment date.
- The number of rebates available are limited and they will be issued on a first come first served basis
- We recommend you keep a copy of the completed form and receipts. The qRD will issue a rebate cheque after 5-6 weeks of receiving a completed application form with any required

## Living where wildfires can occur puts our homes at risk. However, it could be possible to live resiliently with wildfires and keep our homes and communities safe.

Why FireSmart?

The best defense against wildfires is to be prepared! By following some simple FireSmart principles, you can greatly increase your home's resiliency to wildfires. The goal of FireSmart is to provide homeowners with the knowledge to best protect their home and



#### S1000 REBATES AVAILABLE

Application form and program details inside









#### STEP 1

Book a free FireSmart
assessment to learn what
you can do to improve your
home and property's wildfire
resilience

Contact <u>firesmart@athet.ca</u> or 604-485-2260 to schedule an assessment

## What does an assessment look like?

A FireSmart representative tours your property with you. We identify vulnerabilities to wildfire and consider the mechanisms behind the fire risk. Afterwards, we look at options to mitigate any vulnerabilities and provide you with a list recommended activities.

#### STEP 2

### START FIRESMARTING YOUR HOME OR PROPERTY

- Review the Recommended Activities form
- Select one or more of the FireSmart recommendations to work on
- Remember to take "before" photos before you begin activities.
- If doing work yourself, track your hours spent working on each activity on the form
- If you are hiring out the work; Save any receipts or invoices for eligible costs incurred for the activity
- Take "after" photos clearly showing completed activity





## STEP 3 APPLY FOR A REBATE

- Complete and submit the right hand column of the recommended activities form to calculate your rebate totals
- Submit "before" and "after" photos of work completed
- Submit any applicable receipts or invoices

Photos and activities form can be emailed, mailed or dropped off to:

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