2025 TLKemchEEn FireSmart Rebate Guide

As part of the Community Resiliency Investment program there is potential for Lytton First Nation and Village of Lytton homeowners to be compensated up to \$5,000 for performing FireSmart activities on residential property or homes. In order to qualify for this funding, homes must be assessed by a Local FireSmart Representative recognized by the TLKemchEEn FireSmart Committee. The rebate application intake is open from May 15th through to October 31st 2025.

Steps to apply for a rebate

Step 1 - Get a free FireSmart home assessment from an Local FireSmart Representative by filling out an application and emailing it to **firesmart@lfn.band** or calling **250-455-2304 Ext 1002.**

Step 2 – Work with your Local FireSmart Representative to complete a rebate work plan and the work hours estimate form. This is where you can plan out your FireSmart mitigation actions and have some feedback on how to best prioritize your efforts. You must have your work plan reviewed and approved by the Local FireSmart Representative.

Step 3 - Take action on the recommendations from your FireSmart home assessment. This can be accomplished by yourself or using hired help. Use the table on the Rebate Application Form to keep track of both your personal hours as well as any money spent on contractors or materials.

Step 4 - Submit your rebate application to firesmart@lfn.band. Please note that rebate applications over \$1000 will require a follow up visit from your Local FireSmart Representative.

Frequently asked questions

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

Lytton First Nation and the Village of Lytton residents can apply for a FireSmart rebate for any amount between \$500 and \$5000. The rebate is a 50% cost share with the resident. This means one must complete \$1000 worth of mitigation work to receive \$500, \$10,000 or more to receive \$5,000 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 which details all the recommended FireSmart mitigation actions for your home and property. Only work outlined by your Local FireSmart Representative on this report is eligible for the rebate. Only work completed within 30m of the home is eligible for a rebate.

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

Use the Rebate Application Form to track your own labour time (\$32.00/hr), hired contractors, expenses for materials, or a combination of these. On the table found on pages 2 and 3, find the category that best represents where the work was completed. There are three columns, the left column is where you would put any expenditures, the middle column is where you would put how many hours you personally put towards the project, the right column will calculate the value. Any expenditures in the left column 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.

What is the timeline for application?

Rebate applications are accepted from May 15st through to October 31st 2025. 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 next time.

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

A rebate follow up is a quick visit from a Local FireSmart Representative (LFR) 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 totaling \$1000 or more will require a quick follow up visit from a LFR. Any application under \$1000 that does not clearly indicate the work completed through photos will also require a follow up.

I had my assessment completed years ago and now want to apply for a rebate, do I need another assessment?

Yes, any recommended FireSmart mitigation work will need to be included in an updated Home Ignition Zone Assessment.

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. Only homes that qualify for a Home Ignition Zone Assessment will qualify for the rebate.

How do I submit my rebate?

You can submit your rebate via email to **firesmart@lfn.band.** Emailed applications are preferred. 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.