



2025 Mission Fire Rescue Service Rebate Guide

As part of the Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) program there is a potential for homeowners to be compensated up to \$1,000 for performing FireSmart™ activities on their home and property. To qualify for this funding, homes must be assessed by a Mission Fire Rescue Service FireSmart Wildfire Mitigation Specialist prior to work being completed.

Application dates run from **February 1st, 2025 – June 1st, 2025**.

**The number of rebates available is limited and they will be issued on a first come first served basis.*

**The hourly rate is \$32.00/hr. The minimum spending amount to be considered for the rebate is \$500.00 (15.75/hrs.) and the maximum is \$2,000.00 (62.50/hrs.) Rebates are limited to 50%.*

Steps to apply for a rebate

Step 1 – Get a FREE FireSmart home assessment

- Fill out the online application at <https://laserfiche.mission.ca/Forms/firesmart> or <https://firesmartbcapp.ca/home#>
- You will be contacted to confirm a date/time.

Step 2 - Take action on the recommendations from your FireSmart Home Assessment Report

- Complete one or more of the recommendations in your FireSmart report.
 - Only activities that are recommended in the completed assessment are eligible for the rebate.
- Homeowners can complete the recommended mitigation activities themselves or hire others to complete the work.

Step 3 – Submit your information

- Complete the FireSmart Assessment Work Hours Estimate Form
 - <https://www.mission.ca/media/file/firesmart-estimated-hours-revised>
 - Materials purchased for FireSmart projects must be installed/planted on the home/property that was assessed before being approved for rebate
- Receipts of incurred expenses must be submitted, if applicable

Step 4 – Schedule a follow-up assessment

- Follow-up assessments will go over all the mitigation work completed.

Frequently asked questions

How is the amount calculated?

City of Mission residents must complete a minimum of \$500.00 in FireSmart mitigation work, which will give you a rebate of \$250.00 to a maximum of \$2,000.00, which will give you a rebate of \$1,000.00.

Anything over the maximum amount of \$2,000.00 will still only be provided with a rebate of \$1,000.00.

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 the work outlined by your Wildfire Mitigation Specialist in the 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?

Homeowners must record their work hours, contractor hours and any materials purchased on the FireSmart Assessment Work Hours Estimate Form.

The table consists of four columns: Contractor Hours, Homeowner Hours, Cost Per Hour (\$32/hour) and Total Cost. Find the category that best represents where the work was completed and place how many hours worked in either contractor hours or homeowner hours. Multiply total hours with the hourly wage and insert in the total cost column.

You must calculate labour total at the bottom (add up all total cost).

If you have purchased any material to complete the mitigation work required, please describe the material purchased, add up total of material cost and insert in the total cost column.

Add labour total and material total together and divide by 50%, which will equal your rebate amount.

Can I complete the work myself?

Yes, you can complete any of the recommended mitigation work. You must track the number of hours worked. Each hour is valued at \$32.00 per hour.

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.

What is the timeline for application?

Rebate applications are accepted from **February 1st- June 1st, 2025**, or until the allotted budget runs out. If you don't get your application in by June 1st, 2025, you can continue to work on it throughout the Summer/Fall and apply once the rebate intake begins next year.

Can residents 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.

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 served basis** starting in February. 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.

I had my assessment done years ago with Mission Fire Rescue Service 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 (as long as there is rebate funding still available – contact firesmart@mission.ca to inquire). You must provide your FireSmart home assessment report. However, you will need to submit receipts for any of the material purchased if you are wanting to submit it for part of the rebate.

How do I submit my rebate?

You can submit your rebate package via email to firesmart@mission.ca

Emailed applications are preferred. If email doesn't work, feel free to drop off the rebate package to the Mission Fire Department (33330 7th Avenue).

*Successful Completion of the FireSmart rebate program application does not guarantee a rebate will be awarded. Funding is limited and based on a first come, first serve basis; priority may be given to those located within high-risk areas of the WUI. Rebate applications will be limited to one per property. Qualification/distribution of funds will occur at the discretion of the Mission Fire Department. Those awarded rebates give permission to the City of Mission to utilize photos and information for the purpose of publication, annual reports, or media releases.

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