

# HOW DO YOU HEAT YOUR HOME IN THE WINTER?

Many of us on Salt Spring and the Southern Gulf Islands use a fireplace to warm our home in the winter months, but we must consider the health impacts of wood smoke — and the inefficiency of older wood stoves as a heat source.

Installing a heat pump or more efficient wood stove can save you money and also reduce air pollution in our community.

Burning wood not only contributes to carbon emissions, but the particulate matter\* in wood smoke is harmful to our community's health.

Transition Salt Spring's **Climate Action Coach - the Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program** can help you save money on a home heating upgrade.

Begin the process by filling out our Rebate Pre-Screening Form:



<https://transitionsaltspring.com/woodsmoke>

*\*Because of their small size, PM2.5 particles from wood-burning can bypass our bodies' natural defences and travel deep into our lungs. It can then cause structural damage and chemical changes that lead to a range of lung and heart diseases.*

## RESOURCES

### WOOD BURNING RESOURCES:



**ALL ABOUT WOOD STOVES WEBINAR:**  
<https://youtu.be/X8xmF2a9xrA>



**WOOD SMOKE & YOUR HEALTH**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ta-4\\_RDhvJw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ta-4_RDhvJw)



**BURNING CLEAN STARTS WITH THE WOOD**  
<https://youtu.be/MLHPLDfxO-U>  
Clean BC



### BC AND FEDERAL HEAT PUMP REBATES:

Combine provincial and federal rebates for even more savings.



**CLEAN BC BETTER HOMES**  
Get up to \$6,000 in stackable rebates depending on your existing heat source and home renovations (windows, doors, insulation).  
<https://BetterHomesBC.ca/>



**GREENER HOMES CANADA**  
Get up to \$5,000 in rebates for eligible renovations  
<https://tinyurl.com/can-greenerhomes>

# COMMUNITY WOOD SMOKE REDUCTION REBATE PROGRAM 2024



## INVEST IN HEALTHY & EFFICIENT HOME HEATING



**LOCAL REBATE UP TO \$1500 WHEN REPLACING YOUR OLD WOOD-BURNING APPLIANCE!**

THIS PROGRAM MADE POSSIBLE BY



# DO I QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM?

This program provides a rebate to help replace old, out-of-date, wood-burning appliances with a Heat Pump (\$1500 rebate) or EPA-certified wood appliance (\$600 rebate).

Some requirements include the following:

- ✓ Applicant must reside in a legal dwelling unit on property located within the **Salt Spring Island or Southern Gulf Islands Electoral district**.
- ✓ **For Wood Appliance Upgrade:** The old wood stove must be disabled and recycled, with photo proof and a signature by the Recycling Agent
- ✓ **For Heat Pump Upgrade:** You have the option to keep your existing wood appliance IF it is Certified AND you sign a Clean Burning Pledge
- ✓ The wood stove to be replaced must be for home heating, not for a shed, garage or barn—only one wood stove upgrade rebate per residence per year.
- ✓ The new heating appliance must meet the rebate program requirements and be replaced by a Heat Pump, EPA-2020 wood stove, or electric fireplace insert.

🔗 See: [www.transitionsaltspring.com/woodsmoke](http://www.transitionsaltspring.com/woodsmoke) for all eligibility details and the pre-screening form. This rebate program ends on November 30, 2024.

# GETTING STARTED

Here are four steps to begin your application process:

**1** Start by filling in the Community Smoke Reduction Program Pre-Screening Form. **We will notify you by email if there's funding allocated for you.**



<https://form-can.keela.co/cwsrp2024-rebate-pre-screening>

**2** Provide proof that you decommissioned and recycled your old wood stove. To destroy a stove:

- Remove the doors
- Bash in the flue collar
- Remove the firebrick from the appliance

**3** Purchase your new eligible heating appliance and complete a 60-minute online wood smoke education webinar.

**4** Get a WETT Inspection and collect the signature of the technician (if installing a new wood stove). Use this brochure to gather necessary information from Recycling Agents and WETT Technicians.

Sign-up to Transition Salt Spring's newsletter for the latest on rebates.

[www.transitionsaltspring.com](http://www.transitionsaltspring.com)

# SIGNATURE PAGE

## RECYCLING & WETT INSPECTION

Collect the signatures below, photograph this page and then upload it with your other rebate application information at the link sent to your email after you received notice of pre-approval.

**Signature of the Recycling Agent:**

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**Recycling Company:**

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of the WETT Technician:**

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WETT#:** \_\_\_\_\_

## DECLARATION

I declare I have removed an old wood-burning appliance and installed a new appliance approved under this program (or kept my existing Certified wood-burning appliance and upgraded to a Heat Pump with a signed Clean Burning pledge). I have read and understand the terms of the program and understand that Transition Salt Spring is not responsible for the installation or function of the new appliance. Transition Salt Spring reserves the right to inspect or verify that the new appliance has been installed.

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**Your Signature**

## FINAL UPLOAD CHECKLIST

Copy of purchase receipt

Photos of the old & new appliance in place

Photo of disabled and recycled wood stove (OR Clean Burning Pledge for Heat Pumps)