

Wood Smoke Reduction Program

2026

Receive up to **\$3,000*** rebate when replacing your old wood stove with a healthier heating appliance or adding a heat pump to a home that has an existing EPA/CSA approved wood stove.

**Funds available on a first come, first eligible basis.*

KEEPING OUR AIR CLEAN IS FOR EVERYONE



Rebate Application

Applicant Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Postal Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Installation Information:

Rebate application for: ☐ Heat Pump



☐ Pellet Appliance

☐ Electric Fireplace Insert

☐ Wood Burning Appliance

☐ Decommission

Retailer _____

Old Make & Model _____

New Make & Model _____

Purchase Date _____

To be completed by office administration

Rebate Amount: _____

Tracking Number _____

Declaration:

Signature _____

Date _____

I have read and understand the terms of the program and understand that the qRD is not responsible for the installation or function of the appliance. The qRD reserves the right to inspect or verify that the new appliance has been installed.

Applications can be E-mailed, Mailed to OR Dropped-off at:

Wood Smoke Reduction Program

qathet Regional District

#202 – 4675 Marine Ave

Powell River, BC V8A 2L2

e: administration@qathet.ca

Further Contact Info:

Wood Smoke Reduction Program

qathet Regional District

p: 604.485.2260

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We recommend you keep a copy of the completed application and receipt for your records, as documentation provided to the qRD will not be returned. The qRD will issue a rebate cheque within 5-6 weeks of receiving proof that program requirements have been met, that the new heating appliance has been properly installed and certified (if required), and that any old wood burning appliance that is being removed has been rendered unusable and has been recycled.



qathet
REGIONAL DISTRICT

#202 4675 Marine Ave. Powell River, BC V8A 2L2

This program is administered by the **qathet Regional District (qRD)** and is open to all residents in the region on a limited, first come first-served basis.

Rebates

Exchange Types	Wood to electric insert	Wood to wood	Wood to pellet	Wood to heat pump
2026 (\$) Incentive	\$400	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,500

First Nations Rebates *Must live within First Nations lands*

Exchange Types	Wood to electric insert	Wood to wood	Wood to pellet	Wood to heat pump
2026 (\$) Incentive	\$400	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$3,000

Households that have an EPA/CSA approved wood stove can apply for a heat pump rebate while retaining their wood stove.

Decommission Rate*

2026(\$)	Removal of pre-2005 wood stove with no replacement*	\$300
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Conditions

- Only one rebate per taxable residence per year.
- A second-hand heating appliance does not qualify as a replacement appliance.
- The value of the rebate must not exceed the value of the new heating appliance.
- Rebate tracking numbers are required and will be issued through the qathet Regional District.
- Both the old wood stove and the new heating appliance must meet the rebate program requirements. For more details visit: www.qathet.ca/services/waste-management/community-wood-smoke-exchange-program/

To Receive the Rebate:

- The old wood stove must be inspected by a Wood Energy Technical Training (WETT) certified technician to verify the appliance is not up to current EPA certification.
- Residents must verify their wood stove is EPA/CSA certified if applying for a heat pump and opting to keep a wood stove.
- If you are replacing an old wood burning appliance with a new wood burning appliance, the WETT certified technician must certify that the new appliance and chimney meet current WETT and current safety certified standards.



Step 1: Qualification

To qualify, the appliance being replaced must be:

- Presently used as a primary heating source.
- A non-EPA-certified appliance. (A WETT certified technician such as your retailer or chimney sweep can assist you in verifying that your appliance is non-EPA certified).
- Heat pumps installed in homes with an existing EPA/CSA wood stove must sign the Clean Burning Pledge form included in this application. Other applicants are not required to do so.

Step 2: Application Process

This brochure is the application form and must be completed in full. Brochures are available at local retailers and at the qathet Regional District office:

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Applicants must pre-qualify by email, phone or in person to receive a tracking number.

Step 3a: Disposal of Old Wood Stove

To improve qathet Regional District air quality, to prevent old wood stoves from being reused by someone else and to ensure proper recycling, old wood stoves must be permanently disabled and can be dropped off at a local recycling centre.

We require the signature of an attendant or WETT certified technician to verify the following:

- ☐ Doors removed and door hinges bludgeoned
- ☐ Ash and brick liner removed
- ☐ Flue collar bludgeoned

Recycling Attendant or WETT certified technician (print name)

Date

Note: You are responsible for obtaining the appropriate building permit required for installation of a new wood burning appliance.

We require the signature of a WETT certified technician to verify that the old wood stove is **not** up to current EPA certification.

WETT Technician Signature

WETT No.

Step 3b: Verification of EPA/CSA Wood Stove

Residents applying for the heat pump rebate and opting to keep their existing EPA/CSA approved wood stove must verify (i.e. photograph, record model/make, receipts or other documentation, etc) that the old stove in use is eligible (EPA or CSA certified).

*The year purchased or installed must be later than 2015.

Step 4: Submit Application including:

- ☐ A copy of heating appliance purchase **receipt**
- ☐ A copy of WETT **inspection report**, if applicable
- ☐ Both pages of this **application** completed
- ☐ A **photo** of the old wood burning appliance installed in the home
- ☐ A **photo** of the new properly installed appliance OR remaining EPA/CSA wood stove if adding a heat pump
- ☐ Signed Clean Burning Practices Pledge ONLY if following Step 3b
- ☐ **Signature** of applicant below, verifying completion of online ~1 hour **Wood Smoke Education Course**

Signature _____

- ☐ **Photo** of completed Program **Survey** questionnaire OR include responses in an email.



Please ensure that this application is completed in full and that all requested supporting documents are attached. The qRD will mail you a rebate cheque within six weeks of receiving your application.

The **deadline** for submitting your application is **December 31st, 2026**.

Clean Burning Practices Pledge Form

Complete this form **only if** applying for a heat pump rebate and keeping an EPA/CSA Certified wood stove.



Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

1. I will only use the wood stove under specific conditions (i.e., power outage and/or during extremely cold weather when supplementary heat is required)
2. When I must burn wood, I will apply clean burning practices such as:
 - Using only seasoned wood (wood that has been dried for at least 6 months).
 - Splitting pieces to a maximum of 10-15 cm in size.
 - Maintaining the appliance and chimney regularly.
 - Following the manufacturer's guide when using my wood appliances.
 - Not burning garbage, treated or painted wood, driftwood, styrofoam, plastics and etc.

By Signing below, I / we are committing to the following clean-burning pledge:

Signature: _____

Date: _____