

# 2023 Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program



The Bulkley Valley Lakes District Airshed Management Society (BVLD AMS) wants you to be warm, healthy and breathing clean air always!

We have **cash rebates and other resources** to help you:

- to move from an uncertified wood burning appliance to a qualified appliance
- to move from an old EPA certification to a 2021 EPA certification
- to upgrade or install a cleaner, more efficient eligible forms of heat
- to build a woodshed
- to find, harvest, season and store your wood
- to be aware of poor air quality alerts, venting indexes or bylaw or burning notices
- to build a cheap home air filter
- to buy, install, use or understand air quality sensors and readings
- to understand the health effects of poor air quality or your personal exposure

## Our Partners:



cleanairplan.ca



**Contact US:** [coordinator@cleanairplan.ca](mailto:coordinator@cleanairplan.ca), [cleanairplan.ca/blog](https://cleanairplan.ca/blog), [cleanairplan.ca](https://cleanairplan.ca)

# cash rebates

## General Information:

1. Refunds are limited, first come, first serve.
2. Only 1 rebate per household, within the BVLD AMS service area.
3. Installations use WETT principles and follow Provincial or Municipal regulations.
4. We need a completed voucher including survey questions.
5. Learn ways to minimize negative health impacts from wood-burning with an [online wood smoke education course](#)
6. Learn more tips on how to operate wood stoves, season wood and more from [PG AIR on youtube](#)
7. Check out [our blog](#) for local news and updates on air quality.

## 4 Rebate Types Available:

### 1. Wood Burning Appliances:

- Wood to Wood, Wood to Pellet, Open Fire to Insert, Wood to Solid Fuel Furnace, Wood to Electric
- There is a wood burning appliance that is going: it's EPA certification must be out of date
- This old unit must be recycled or decommissioned
- The new unit must meet current EPA standards and be installed
- Pictures of the old and new units may be required
- A completed voucher and survey will be required
- If you are claiming this as your primary source of heat we need your insurer's confirmation

### 2. Added Efficiency:

- Installation of Geothermal or Heat Pump Systems
- Installing a new electric heat pump as a primary heating source means you can keep an existing EPA or CSA-certified wood stove to use as backup heating under certain conditions.
- If you are keeping your wood burning appliance as back up please sign the section related to this on page 2 of the rebate form.

#### Added Efficiency

Value of Rebate by Model	For the BVLD Airshed	For First Nation Communities
Heat exchanger, pumps, splits	\$1500.00	\$2000.00
Geothermal System	\$500.00	\$500.00

### 3. Boiler Replacement:

- If you are replacing an existing outdoor wood or pellet boiler with a more efficient version you can qualify for a rebate of \$750.00.
- There is no rebate to purchase or install a boiler if you don't already have one.

## 4. Wood Shed Fund:

- \$250 per residence, after the renovation
- please provide a picture of the current woodpile or wood shed, before you do anything
- please allow us to use pictures on social media or elsewhere
- provide us with an invoice for firewood, materials, time and/or equipment



For other Provincial Programs:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/air/air-pollution/smoke-burning/exchange/programs>

Rebate Values Depend on your New Heat Source

	<b>Basic Rebate Value</b>	<b>Basic Rebate Value</b>	<b>For the Town of Smithers: The Basic Rebate Plus Either A or B</b>	
<b>Value of Rebate by Model</b>	<b>For the BVLD Airshed</b>	<b>For First Nation Communities</b>	<b>A: if wood is your primary source of heat (A)</b>	<b>B: if wood is your secondary source of heat (B)</b>
Electric boiler	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1500.00	\$750.00
Electric insert	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1500.00	\$750.00
Pellet stove	\$1000.00	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$750.00
Wood or pellet furnace	\$500.00	\$1000.00	\$1500.00	\$750.00
Wood stove	\$500.00	\$1000.00	\$1500.00	\$750.00
Wood or pellet fireplace inserts	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$1500.00	\$750.00

## To-Do:

	Steps	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Qualifications: tell us your plans so we can screen your request and give you an idea of the rebate value	contact us to get the form: <a href="mailto:coordinator@cleanairplan.ca">coordinator@cleanairplan.ca</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Action: the Resident arranges building permits if necessary and pays for the new appliance, installation, shipping, inspection etc. Fill in Parts 1 and 2 of voucher.	**Ask about manufacturer or retailer discount at the point of sale.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disposal: the Resident arranges disposal of old stove to a dealer or recycler for decommissioning. Complete Part 3 of form and snap pictures. **Note disposal can come before installation.	Dealer may be able to arrange this for you. These stoves are not to be resold or reused. Reburishment maybe worthwhile but in that case you do not qualify for the rebate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submit application: Complete the voucher and submit, we will inquire if we need further information. Make the pledge - this is optional.	Snap a few pics before and after, send them along with your form.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hold ON!	We will email you to confirm receipt of the voucher but please be patient processing may take some time.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash your Cheque	We will mail you the rebate amount.

## Did you know...

- the Building Permit Fee is waived in the Town of Smithers, value \$35
- building inspections in Smithers are no longer necessary if the appliance is Wood Energy Tech. Training, WETT inspected
- the Bulkley Valley Credit Union, BVCU still has zero interest loans for purchasing EPA certified appliances
- there are no landfill or recycling depot fees at any location in the airshed
- the BVLDAMS is a non profit society, responsible for implementing the [Clean Air Plan](#) of 2012 signed by Bulkley Valley and Lakes District stakeholders in clean air. Membership is free!

## Refer Your Neighbour

Does your neighbour need help with their home heating?

Could your auntie use a new woodshed?

Does someone you know badly need seasoned wood?

Refer to us for anything regarding air quality management.