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Wood Stove Rebate Programs

Do you have an older, uncertified wood-burning appliance? You may be eligible for rebates! The City is offering two rebate programs for residents—Scrap It or Upgrade It!

Wood Stove Scrap-It Program

Remove and recycle your old, working wood stove and receive \$200 from the City of Kamloops.

Wood Stove and Fireplace Exchange Program

Exchange your wood stove or fireplace for a cleaner-burning appliance and receive up to \$1,100 from the City of Kamloops, the Province of BC, and FortisBC.

Funding is limited and rebates will be issues to residents on a first-come, first-served basis. One rebate per household. To find out if you qualify and for a list of authorized program retailers, visit **Kamloops.ca/WoodStove**.

Curbside Organic Waste Collection

The City is seeking public input into the design of a residential curbside organic waste collection program to help residents divert more waste from the landfill, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and return organic material to the soil ecosystem. **Did you know?** Organic waste that ends up in our landfill utilizes valuable landfill space and contributes to greenhouse gas emissions (primarily methane) in our community.

Have Your Say!

An information gathering and public consultation phase is now underway. The timing of a future pilot program and full implementation will be dependent upon successful grant funding. Visit our Let's Talk web page to learn more about what items would go in a "green bin", the residential collection process, and to take our survey.

LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca/Organics



Share Your Voice. Shape Our City.

Let's Talk Kamloops is the City's online engagement site where you can contribute your ideas and feedback on city matters.

Sign up and speak up at LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca

Renovate Smart Kamloops Workshops

Are you planning a home renovation? Renovate Smart Kamloops will help you get the most out of your renovation. Our team will help you discover cost-effective ways to improve your home's energy performance and take advantage of the many incentives available today. Receive tailored advice from the City's Community Energy Specialist on how to include energy efficiency improvements in your short- or long-term renovation plans.

Sign up for a free workshop today!

Home Energy Performance Workshops are held monthly, and Carbon Accounting Workshops are held quarterly. Workshops are free and hosted virtually on Zoom.

Visit Kamloops.ca/RenovateSmart to register.



Welcome Back to the Canada Games Aquatic Centre!

The Infrastructure Improvement Project is complete and the Canada Games Aquatic Centre is open for swimming! The project has extended the pool's life and improved its overall sustainability, inclusivity, accessibility, and functionality. A number of high-performance upgrades to the building envelope (walls, roof, and windows) and critical operating systems will significantly improve the facility's energy performance and reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

Learn more about the project at LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca/CGAC.

For pool hours and swim schedule, visit Kamloops.ca/Swim.



Community Climate Action Plan

Climate change is a global problem that is causing observable local impacts such as extreme-weather events, wildfires, flooding, and drought. The City is developing a Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in support of international efforts to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Policy options for eight "Big Moves" were presented and open to feedback from the public and stakeholders last September and October. Stay tuned to our website for additional future engagement opportunities in the coming months. The final CCAP will be presented to Council in late Spring 2021.

To learn more and to subscribe to ongoing project updates related to the CCAP, visit LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca/ClimateAction.



How OLD is your smoke alarm? If you don't know the answer, the best response is—time

to replace it. The actual smoke sensor in your home alarm breaks down over time. If it's over 10 years old, it may not work at all. The "test" button only tells you that the battery and the speaker are working, even on an expired detector. Protect your family with updated smoke alarms.

For more home fire safety tips, visit Kamloops.ca/HomeSafe.



Report an Issue

Have a non-emergency issue you want to report to the City such as a pothole or a broken street light? There are three ways to report an issue or a problem to us:

- calling 250-828-3461
- emailing civicoperations@kamloops.ca
- using the free **myKamloops**[™] **app**

For more information, visit Kamloops.ca/ReportAnlssue.

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Report non-emergency issues such as potholes, fallen trees, or broken street lamps. Simply take a picture, confirm the location, add any comments, and submit!

What? Where? When? Waste Wise!

Sign up for weekly collection reminders and search how to recycle or dispose of hundreds of products and items. Kamloops.ca/WasteWise

Flowbird—Pay for Parking by Phone

Flowbird is an intuitive and easy-to-use app that allows you to pay for your parking sessions remotely through your mobile phone. Simply select the parking location nearest to your vehicle, select the duration, and confirm payment.

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