

FireSmart™

TOWN OF CRESTON CONTRACTOR'S GUIDE



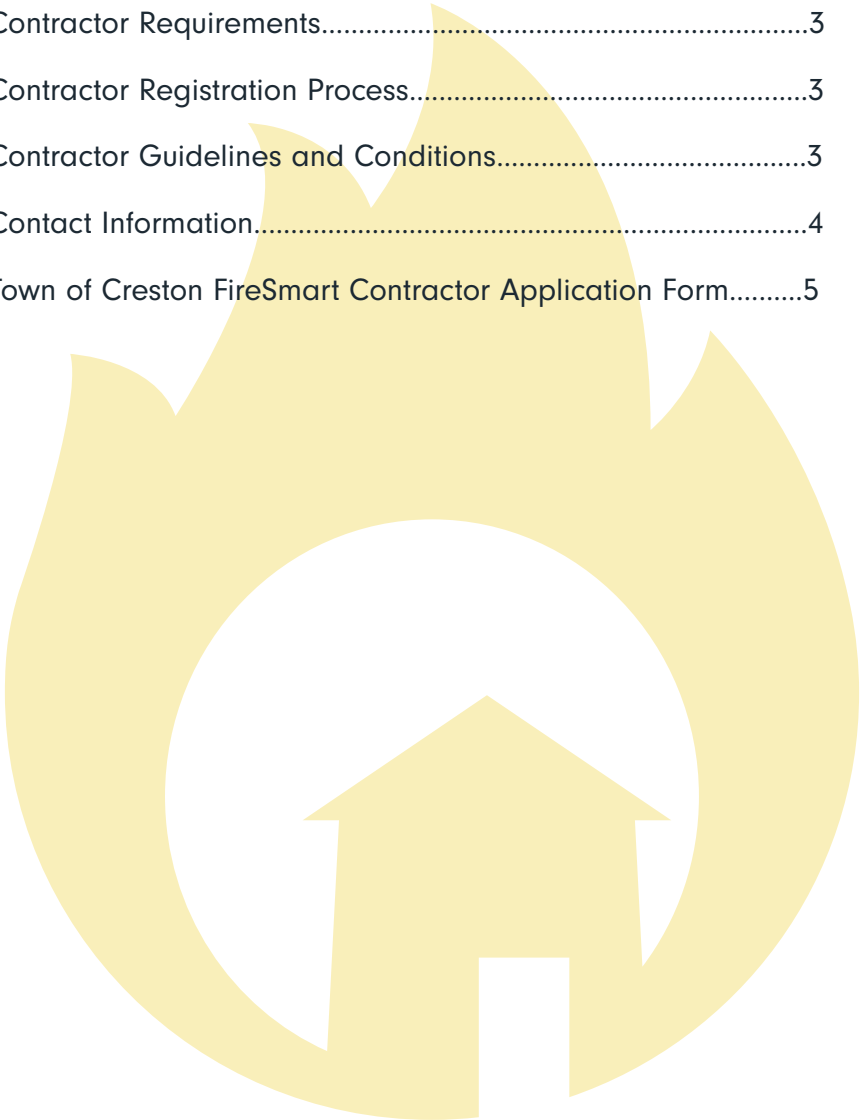
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Introduction

FireSmart BC is a provincial initiative designed to reduce the risk of wildfire damage to homes, communities, and forests. The program is based on scientific research suggesting that implementing proven steps around your property is the most effective way to protect your home from wildfire.

The Town of Creston offers free Wildfire Mitigation Assessments, delivered by trained Wildfire Mitigation Specialists, to local homeowners, providing valuable education and recommendations on how to reduce the risk of wildfire damage to their homes and properties.

Residents can receive up to 50% of \$10,000 (\$5,000) in rebates after completing an assessment and submitting a rebate work plan for approval.

Contractors - such as those specialized in home (gutter/roof/windows), landscaping, and arborist services - play an essential role in FireSmart mitigation work. Homeowners often rely on contractors to do mitigation work on their property based on the recommendations provided in the assessment.

However, challenges can arise when contractors are unable to meet the specific requirements of the FireSmart and rebate program. These gaps can lead to delays, unmet expectations, and decreased homeowner engagement in the program.

Purpose

Contractors can request to sign up for the Town of Creston FireSmart contractors list which is designed to connect homeowners with local contractors who understand the purpose of the FireSmart program and can implement mitigation recommendations effectively. Contractors are required to have a basic understanding of FireSmart principles by taking the FireSmart 101 course to be eligible.

Disclaimer

The Town of Creston does not endorse or recommend any specific business or contractor, including those on the contractors list. The listed contractors are independent contractors and not affiliated with, or employees of the Town of Creston. The Town does not endorse the quality of work provided by a registered contractor or guarantee any of their services. It is the homeowner's responsibility to interview and select a contractor that meets the homeowner's needs.

Contractor Requirements

To be eligible for inclusion on the Town of Creston's approved contractor list, contractors must meet the following requirements:

1. Offer services within the required FireSmart categories to residents of the Town of Creston. These categories include:
 - Home (e.g., roof, gutters, windows, siding, decks)
 - Landscaping
 - Arborist services
 - Fuel mitigation
2. Hold a valid Town of Creston business license.
3. Provide the Town's FireSmart Coordinator with a certificate from the completed FireSmart101 course, available at firesmartbc.ca.

Contractor Registration Process

To register as a FireSmart contractor with the Town of Creston, the following are required to be completed:

1. Visit firesmartbc.ca to enroll in the free FireSmart 101 course.
 - Complete FireSmart 101 and save a copy of your certificate.
2. Fill out the attached Town of Creston – Contractor Application Form.
3. Submit the completed application form via email to crestonfiresmart@creston.ca including as attachments:
 - Proof of current business license.
 - A copy of your FireSmart 101 course certificate.

Successful applicants will be notified upon approval and will be included on the Town of Creston list of registered contractors to be made available at <https://em.creston.ca>.

Contractor Guidelines and Conditions

1. The Town of Creston does not guarantee, certify, insure, or inspect any work completed by contractors listed. Inclusion on the list does not constitute an endorsement or referral by the Town. Contractors are not certified, approved, or affiliated with FireSmart BC or FireSmart Canada.

2. Application and renewal process: The contractor list is updated as needed, based on new applicant submissions. First-time applicants must submit a full application. Renewing contractors are required to submit a valid business license annually to remain eligible.
3. Contractor conduct and complaints: If the Town receives substantiated complaints about the quality of work performed, the Town reserve the right to remove the contractor from the list.

Note: Before issuing the rebate, a post-assessment will be conducted to confirm that the completed work aligns with the FireSmart recommendations made by the Wildfire Mitigation Specialist.



Contact Information

To learn more about the program, visit: em.creston.ca/firesmart-at-home
or email: crestonfiresmart@creston.ca.

Town of Creston
Contractor Application form

Collection Notice: Your personal information is collected under the authority of section 26 (c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. This information will be used to connect residents interested in completing wildfire mitigation works with registered contractors. If you have any questions about the collection of your personal information, please contact Kirsten Dunbar, Director of Corporate Services, at Kirsten.dunbar@creston.ca.

Contractor information:

Contractor name:

Phone:

Address:

Email:

Business information:

Business name:

Phone:

Website:

Email:

FireSmart contractor category (circle all that apply):

Home

Landscape

Arborist/Fuel Mitigation

Brief description of the services provided:

Documents submitted (circle yes or no):

Business license

Yes / No

FireSmart 101 Certificate

Yes / No

Date:

Signature: