

ALTERNATIVES TO BURNING

The Regional Air Quality Program is a joint initiative of the City of Kelowna, the Regional District of Central Okanagan, the District of Peachland, the City of West Kelowna, Westbank First Nation, and the District of Lake Country. The Air Quality Program helps protect and improve the region's air through education, awareness, and pollution prevention programs.

The Air Quality program provides [alternatives to burning](#) to Central Okanagan residents:

- **Free Agricultural Chipping Program** - for Central Okanagan orchardists who want to chip wood waste from orchard removal. This type of debris typically includes stumps and large branches. To register, please fill out the [Online Form](#). Registration is accepted year-round, and chipping occurs from March through June and September through December. It is recommended you register for the program at least one year in advance.
- **Mow-Chip Rent-Buy-it Rebate program** - Qualifying participants must have a property one hectare or greater in size with a small volume of wood for fuel reduction or agricultural activities that cannot be served through the regular Agricultural Chipping Program. [Apply Online](#) (invoice is required).
 - **For Residential Property**
 - Rebate money is limited to **80%** of the daily/multi-day/weekly/rental or chipping/flail mow service, **up to a \$500** rebate per applicant. Residents can apply once per year.
 - **For Farm Property**
 - Rebate **up to a maximum of \$3000** for the daily/multi-day/weekly/rental or chipping/flail mow service cost. Farmers can apply once per year.
 - **For Residential and Farm property**
 - Rebate money for purchasing a **new chipper or flail mower up to a maximum of \$1500**. This is a one-time purchase rebate per property. The amount granted cannot exceed 50% of the total equipment cost.

Chipping Service Providers

List of rental companies and contractors. **NOTE: This list is not exhaustive and is only provided for your reference.** Use internet search tools to find more options and get at least three quotes.

- The yard waste drop-off program is available at the [Glenmore landfill](#) and [Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre](#) (Asquith Road in West Kelowna). Fees apply. When transporting loads for disposal, please make sure they are covered. Please visit rdco.com/recycle, email recycle@rdco.com or call the Regional Waste Reduction Office at [250-469-6250](tel:250-469-6250) for more information.

Burning dry and clean wood should always be considered the **last resort**. If you must burn, **follow Best Practices**, and check air quality conditions and applicable setbacks before you burn.

For more information on Air Quality programs, please visit www.rdco.com/airquality.

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The links are provided for reference only.

The Air Quality program does not recommend specific companies.

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| Name | Service |
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| TNT services | 250-826-4130 |
| 4Life Utility Locates | 250-300-8344 |
| Action Tree Service (no stumps) | (250) 762-5922 |
| Cabin Operations Ltd. | 778-475-3655 |
| Cody Tree Service (no stumps) | 250) 862-8900 |
| Huska Holdings 28 | 250-762-4028 |
| Robs Tree care | 250-212-8656 |
| Twincon Enterprises Ltd. Kelowna Operations, B.C. | 778-476-8876 Service & rentals |
| Rentals | |
| Williams Machinery | 1-888-712-4748 |
| Sunbelt rentals | 250-491-1991 |