



British Columbia Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Products We Accept

Smoke Alarms:

Smoke alarms are typically disc shaped and plastic, and perform both a smoke detection and alarm sounding function. Accepted products include all stand-alone smoke alarms powered by a battery and/or wired to a building's electrical system. Common types include ionization, photoelectric and combination ionization/photoelectric smoke alarms.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms:

Program products are "stand-alone" CO alarms, which perform both a CO detection and alarm sounding function. These units are typically disc or square shaped and plastic.

Combination Smoke & CO Alarms:

A "stand alone" unit that performs both detection and alarm functions, and combines the technology of a smoke alarm and a CO alarm.

Excluded Products:

The program does not accept devices that perform only the detection function and not the alarm function, e.g. a smoke and/or CO detector unit connected to a building-wide monitoring or alarm system. These types of units are typically installed in commercial buildings and are outside the scope of this program. These types of units are defined by the CAN/ULC-s529 standard.

Environmental Handling Fees

AlarmRecycle is a non-profit program funded entirely by Environmental Handling Fees applied to the sale of smoke and CO alarms in BC. The fees fund the collection, transportation, recycling and safe disposal of returned products, as well as program administration and communication. The Environmental Handling Fees may be included in the product price or displayed as a separate charge at check-out. In some stores you may see the words eco-fee, environmental handling fee, or recycling fee on your receipt.

Smoke Alarms and Combination Smoke/Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms*	\$1.20
CO Alarms	\$0.60

Note: Where multiple smoke or CO alarms are sold as one unit (often in one package), the fees are additional based on the fee per product that would be charged.