

# 2023 grant for cloth diapers

Financial assistance available from the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent

## A little help from the MRC

## How to obtain this rebate



- 🌻 The MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent is willing to encourage the use of cloth diapers by giving young families residing on its territory financial assistance to buy cloth diapers.

### 🌻 Who is eligible to this refund?

Babies aged zero to 24 months inclusively, living in one of the thirteen municipalities of the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent at the times of the request, may qualify.

Please note that one refund per family will be allowed and retroactive requests will not be considered.

All eligible requests will be processed by the MRC according to the available budget.

The offices of the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent are located at: 10 King Street, suite 400, Huntingdon (Québec) JOS 1H0



To take advantage of the 2023 grant, the following documents must be submitted to the offices of the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024:

- The original invoice for all diapers purchased, regardless of brand or location (minimum of 20 cloth diapers);
- Proof of birth of the child;
- Proof of residence of the child;
- A contract of commitment to use cloth diapers signed by the parents (contract provided by the MRC or downloadable at [www.mrchsl.com/en](http://www.mrchsl.com/en)).

In the following weeks, you will receive a refund to cover a portion of your cloth diapers' purchase.

A purchase of less than \$250 represents a \$50 refund. A purchase of \$250 or more represents a \$100 refund.



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For more information, contact  
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## Cloth diapers' benefits

For the two and half years of a single child, using cloth diapers represents approximately:

- 10 kg of cotton;
- 83 m<sup>3</sup> of water for washing;
- 150 kg of organic waste, biodegradable within a few months and managed by the municipal water treatment plants instead of being dumped in landfills;
- a possibility to recycle (in worn textile plants);
- a total expenditure of about \$700 to \$1,000 including the washing and drying costs (\$250 for a child aged 2 and a half years);
- no new expense for each newborn.

### In addition:

- Your child's skin can breathe in watertight diapers (disposable sheets retain stools).
- Diapers are comfortable, with elastic bands to waist and thighs.

## Disposable diapers' disadvantages

Using disposable diapers for a single child for two and a half years represents:

- 5 trees;
- 25 kg of plastic produced from 67 kg of crude oil;
- 120 m<sup>3</sup> of water required to manufacture the diapers;
- 5,000 to 7,000 diapers thrown in the trash, taking between 300 and 500 years to decompose and representing an average weight of 800 to 1,000 g and 40% of the domestic waste from the child's home, excluding the pathogenic bacteria contained in the stool;
- a total expenditure of \$2,000 for a single child;
- a repeated expenditure for every newborn in the family.

### Did you know that...

In Quebec, we throw away 600 million disposable nappies a year, representing 60,000 tons of domestic waste yearly.

Disposable diapers are the third largest consumer item in landfills.

Nowadays cloth diapers are more modern and easier to clean

Nowadays, velcros and snaps have replaced pins and diapers are machine washable.

After a massive use of disposable diapers over the last forty years, people are slowly but surely rediscovering the benefits of cloth diapers.

In addition to the benefits associated with reducing the amount of garbage that ends up in landfills, these diapers are easy on natural resources, new parents' wallet and babies' delicate skin!





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Saint-Anicet  
Saint-Chrysostome  
Sainte-Barbe  
Très-Saint-Sacrement

## COMMITMENT TO USE CLOTH DIAPERS

- We acknowledge having received a grant from the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent for the purchase of cloth diapers;
- We certify that we reside on the territory of the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent;
- We are committed to using cloth diapers;
- It is understood that subsidized equipment may not be sold without the authorization of the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent.

Knowingly, we sign this commitment.

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Parents' names

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Municipality

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address(es)

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Name of the child

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Age

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Birth date

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Signature(s)

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Date

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Amount of grant received