



RainScapes Rewards Rebates

RainScapes Rewards projects are designed to reduce stormwater runoff and enhance the local environment. These voluntary projects are funded by the Water Quality Protection Charge (WQPC). RainScapes Rewards projects cannot be used to fulfill a county-required stormwater permit, and only new projects will be considered for a rebate. In order to qualify for a rebate, properties must be located within Montgomery County but outside of the municipalities of Rockville, Gaithersburg, and Takoma Park. (These jurisdictions collect their WQPC separately.)

Project Timeline and Requirements	
1	Read the website and design manual for the specific Rainscapes projects. Please also read our Application Process document.
2	Go to the online application, and fill it out.
3	Submit your RainScapes rebate application. If you don't get an email from RainScapes@montgomerycountymd.gov , then you did not finish your application. If you need help please contact us through that email.
4	If your application contains all the necessary information, you will be contacted by the Department of Environmental Protection to schedule a mandatory preliminary inspection. These inspections are required before project installation can begin.* *No preliminary inspection is needed for rain barrels or tree canopy projects
5	Supporting documents specific to each rebate type will need to be submitted. This can happen before or after the preliminary inspection. Please see the project requirements for a supporting documents list.
6	Once you've passed the preliminary inspection, and all the supporting documents have been reviewed and approved, an application response letter* detailing approval and rebate funding level will be sent. A property owner agreement will also be sent at this time. *Once you receive the approval notice, installation of the project can begin.
7	Projects must be installed within six months of the date of the approval letter. Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions you may have.
8	Once the project is installed, contact the Department of Environmental Protection to schedule a final inspection.
9	At the final inspection, you may receive a list of necessary changes to be made before a rebate can be issued. Completion of any adjustments will need to be photo-documented and emailed to RainScapes@montgomerycountymd.gov . Depending on the number of adjustments, a second final inspection may be necessary.
10	Submit at the end: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copies of the receipts, itemized and with sales tax subtracted ▪ Electronically-signed property owner agreement
11	Your rebate will be processed for payment after your project passes final inspection and you have submitted receipts and property owner agreement. The rebate check will be issued by the Montgomery County Department of Finance.

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Required Supporting documents:

- HOA approval letter if applicable

▪ **Residential**

- Pass preliminary inspection for sit suitability
- Rebate amount:
 - \$1.00 per gallon of storage
 - 1 cubic foot of a stone dry well can hold 3 gallons.
 - Non-stone pre-fabricated drywells list their capacity
- Maximum rebate:
 - \$600.00
- Minimum size:
 - Sized to treat the 1-YR, 24-hour storm depth (2.7 inches of rain fall) for the area draining to the rain garden using the equations below.
 - $(\text{Square Feet of impervious} \times .225) \times 7.48 \text{ gal} = \text{Total Gallons}$
 - $\text{Total Gallons} / 3 = \text{Required size in cubic feet}$
 - Smaller sizing will be considered, based on location, soil permeability, and design factors, with no less than 1.25”.
- Location:
 - On private property
 - 10’ from buildings
 - Downhill from buildings
 - Not over utilities
 - Overflows onto pervious surface (grass, garden, etc.) for at least 10’ before reaching impervious surface (driveway, sidewalk, etc.) or property line.
 - Does not divert water from existing flow path
 - Does not back up water onto a neighbors property
 - Installed in suitable soils which pass a perc test
 - Perc rates over 36 hours result in an unsuitable location for a dry well.
- Design/Installation:
 - Filter fabric on sides of the excavation only
 - Bottom of excavation is de-compacted
 - Cleanout required if piping directly into drywell
 - Top can be open stone or sod.
 - Inert stone only. (No limestone)
- Final Steps
 - Submit itemized receipts with the tax subtracted
 - Submit the signed property owner agreement with original signatures (no copies)

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