



Montgomery County, MD  
RainScapes Rewards Rebate



RainScapes projects are voluntary projects designed to reduce stormwater runoff and enhance the local environment. RainScapes Rewards Rebate projects are funded by the Water Quality Protection Charge (WQPC). Only new projects will be considered for a rebate. These projects cannot be used to fulfill a county required stormwater permit. Any projects above and beyond a stormwater permit are acceptable. In order to qualify for consideration 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.

<b>Project Timeline and Requirements</b>	
1.	Plan for the project by reading the requirements, website and design manual for the specific Rainscapes practice. Please also read our “How to apply for a Rebate” document.
2.	Obtain your 8 digit county tax ID number for the application
3.	Submit your RainScapes rebate application. If you don’t get an email from <a href="mailto:RainScapes@montgomerycountymd.gov">RainScapes@montgomerycountymd.gov</a> 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. <b><i>*No preliminary inspection is needed for rain barrels or tree canopy projects</i></b>
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. <b><i>*Once you receive the approval notice installation of the project can begin.</i></b>
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.	Contact the Department of Environmental Protection once the project is installed 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 <a href="mailto:rainscapes@montgomerycountymd.gov">rainscapes@montgomerycountymd.gov</a> . Depending on the number of adjustments a second final inspection may be necessary.
10.	Submit at the end: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of the receipts itemized and the sales tax subtracted</li> <li>• The original signed property owner agreement</li> </ul>
11.	Once you’ve passed the final inspection, submitted receipts, and submitted your original signed property owner agreement your rebate request will be processed. The rebate check will be issued by the department of finance.

All decisions regarding eligibility of applications and processing of applications are final and are at the sole discretion of the Department of Environmental Protection

[RainScapes.org](http://RainScapes.org)



Montgomery County, MD  
RainScapes Rewards Rebate  
**Design Criteria and Requirements for Project Eligibility**  
**Tree Canopy**  
Updated: January 2014



**Required Supporting documents:**

- Aerial photo (provided by RainScapes) marked by applicant with the trees location(s)
  - HOA approval letter if applicable

▪ **Residential**

- Pre-approval required
- Rebate amount:
  - Up to \$200.00 per tree
- Maximum rebate:
  - \$2,500.00
- Maximum number of trees:
  - Determined by RainScapes staff based on available space and placement
- Minimum size:
  - #7 container (7 gallon) minimum
  - 1" caliper
  - 8' tall
- Location:
  - On private property
  - Surrounding area has enough soil volume to meet the Montgomery County tree law
  - Will eventually shade or cover impervious surface (rooftop, driveways, etc)
  - 10'-15' away from permanent buildings
- Installation:
  - Tree is on our published canopy trees list
  - Planted in our tree planting window between September 15 and April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Tree is free from significant wounds or disease
  - Root ball no more than 1" above ground level after planting
  - No excess soil on top of root ball
  - Root flare is exposed
  - Not leaning more than 20 degrees
  - 3" of natural un-dyed mulch in a 2' radius from the trunk with a 3" radius from the trunk having no mulch.
  - Stake only if recommended by RainScapes staff
- Final Steps
  - Submit itemized receipts with the tax subtracted



Montgomery County, MD  
RainScapes Rewards Rebate  
**Design Criteria and Requirements for Project Eligibility**  
**Tree Canopy**  
Updated: January 2014



- Submit the signed property owner agreement with original signatures (no copies)
- Schedule and pass final inspection

▪ **Commercial/Institutional**

- Pre-approval required
- Rebate amount:
  - \$200.00 per tree
- Maximum rebate:
  - \$10,000.00
- Maximum number of trees:
  - Determined by RainScapes staff based on available space
- Minimum size:
  - #20 container (20 gallon) or 16" diameter B&B root ball
  - 1" caliper
  - 8' tall
- Location:
  - On private property
  - Surrounding area has enough soil volume to meet the Montgomery County tree law
  - Will eventually shade or cover impervious surface (rooftop, driveways, etc)
  - 10'-15' away from permanent buildings
- Installation:
  - Tree is on our published canopy trees list
  - Planted in our tree planting window between September 15 and April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Tree is free from significant wounds or disease
  - Root ball no more than 1" above ground level
  - No excess soil on top of root ball
  - Root flare is exposed
  - Not leaning more than 20 degrees
  - 3" of natural un-dyed mulch in a 2' radius from the trunk with a 3" radius from the trunk having no mulch.
  - Stake only if recommended by RainScapes staff
- Final Steps:
  - Submit itemized receipts with the tax subtracted
  - Submit the signed property owner agreement with original signatures (no copies)
  - Schedule and pass final inspection



Montgomery County, MD  
RainScapes Rewards Rebate  
**Design Criteria and Requirements for Project Eligibility**  
**Tree Canopy**  
Updated: January 2014



**The following species of trees will be considered at this time:**  
***(DEP approval may be requested for trees not on this list)***

- American Elm (Valley Forge or Princeton) (*Ulmus americana*)
- American Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)
- American Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)
- Black Gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*)
- Black Oak (*Quercus veluntina*)
- Common Baldcypress (*Taxodium distichum*)
- Common Honeylocust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*)
- Kentucky Coffeetree (*Gymnocladus dioica*)
- Littleleaf Linden (*Tilia cordata*)
- Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)
- Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)
- Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*)
- Shingle Oak (*Quercus imbricaria*)
- Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*)
- Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*)
- Willow Oak (*Quercus phellos*)
- Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*)
- Tulip-poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)
- Yellow Buckeye (*Aesculus flava* Sol. (*Aesculus octandra* Marsh.))
- White Oak (*Quercus alba*)

**The following trees will be considered at this time but are not commonly found at local nurseries in large sizes:**

- American Beech (*Fagus grandifolia*)
- Bigtooth Aspen (*Populus grandidentata*)
- Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)
- Hickories, Mockernut or Pignut (*Carya* sp.)
- Overcup Oak (*Quercus lyrata*)
- Pond Cypress (*Taxodium ascendens*)