RAINSCAPES REWARDS
Rebate Project First Steps

Are you interested in doing a RainScapes project but don’t know where to begin? Use the checklists below to identify types of projects that are suited for you and your property.

1. Define your concerns and goals
   - Do you have erosion?
   - Do you have a lot of runoff from your neighbor’s property?
   - Do you want to attract butterflies and birds to your yard?

2. Select a project
   choose a RAIN GARDEN if:
   - You have a lot of open area without tree roots
   - You have a fairly level yard
   - Rain water soaks into the ground fairly quickly
   - You want to attract pollinators

   choose a CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE if:
   - There are lots of tree roots
   - Rain water soaks into the ground
   - The site is very sloped
   - You want to attract pollinators

   choose PERMEABLE PAVING if:
   - You are already planning to re-do your driveway

   choose PAVEMENT REMOVAL if:
   - You can replace a paved surface with lawn or native plants
   - You have a lot of paved surfaces and not much green space

   choose RAIN BARRELS if:
   - You would like to capture rain to water your garden
   - You have space for a minimum of 200 gallons of rain barrel storage

(For a complete list of projects, visit RainScapes.org)

3. Learn more
   The following documents can be downloaded from the Resources section of RainScapes.org
   - Projects Manuals
   - Project Types
   - Application Process
   - Plants that Work
   - How to do a Perc Test
   - Project Requirements
   - How to Write a Plant List
   - How to Make a Planting Plan
   - Key Elements of a Site Assessment
   - RainScapes Contractor List

NOW YOU ARE READY TO APPLY!
Visit RainScapes.org and click on Apply Now!

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**Rain Garden**

Rain gardens collect stormwater runoff from hard surfaces like roofs and driveways. They store runoff in a 6” deep puddle that drains quickly. They contain spongy soil and at least 75% native plants that clean and absorb the water and provide valuable habitat for pollinators. **Rebate amount:** $10 per square foot of total garden area; 75 square foot minimum.

**Conservation Landscape**

Conservation landscapes replace areas of lawn, invasive plants, or erosion with native plants and improved soil. They are simplified rain gardens that slow down and soak up stormwater runoff. They provide valuable habitat for pollinators. **Rebate amount:** $5 per square foot with no ponding; $6 per square foot with 3” of ponding; 250 square foot minimum.

**Permeable Paver Retrofit**

Permeable paving allows stormwater to seep into the ground while maintaining a durable surface for cars and people. Specially engineered layers under the permeable paving surface clean and soak in stormwater. **Rebate amount:** $14 per square foot; 100 square foot minimum.

**Pavement Removal**

Removing pavement, decompacting soil, and planting vegetation helps reduce the hard surfaces that add to stormwater runoff. **Rebate amount:** $3 - $7 per square foot, depending on whether replacing with sod (lower amount) or conservation landscape (higher amount).

**Water Harvesting**

Above-ground containers (rain barrels and cisterns) attach to roof downspouts. They store rainwater, allowing it to be reused. **Rebate amount:** $1 per gallon; 200 gallon minimum (townhomes: 100 gallon minimum); $500 maximum per property.

**Green Roof**

Green roofs are designed to hold special soil and plants. They treat the first inch of rainfall before it can reach the ground. **Rebate amount:** $9 per square foot; 100 square foot minimum.

NOTE: Properties located in the City of Gaithersburg, City of Rockville, or City of Takoma Park are not eligible for the Montgomery County RainScapes Program. Contact those municipalities directly for information on their programs.