



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.

Montgomery County, MD
RainScapes Rewards Rebate
Design Criteria and Requirements for Project Eligibility
Pavement Removal
Updated: January 2014



Required Supporting documents:

- HOA approval letter if applicable

▪ **Residential**

- Pass preliminary inspection for site suitability
- Rebate amount:
 - \$2.00 a square foot if replacing with sod
 - \$4.00 a square foot if replacing with conservation landscaping
- Maximum rebate:
 - \$2,500.00
- Minimum size:
 - 100 square feet
- Location:
 - In place of existing impervious surface (driveway, walkway, patio, etc.)
 - Does not divert water from the existing flow path
 - Does not back up water onto a neighbors property
- Design/Installation:
 - Conservation landscape replacement
 - Planting plan showing plant locations submitted and approved
 - Graphic scale on plan
 - Plant list
 - Plant quantities
 - 75% native plants, 25% can be non-native, non-invasive
 - Soils de-compacted at least 9"
 - Soil amended with 2" of compost
 - 3" of natural, un-dyed mulch
 - No artificial weed matting. (newspapers are OK)
 - Sod replacement
 - Remove pavement
 - Remove compacted sub base (gravel)
 - Soils de-compacted at least 9"
 - Soil amended with at least 2" of compost
 - Sod only, no seed
- 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

▪ **Commercial/Institutional**

- Pass preliminary inspection for site suitability
- Rebate amount:
 - \$2.00 a square foot if replacing with sod
 - \$4.00 a square foot if replacing with conservation landscaping
- Maximum rebate:
 - \$10,000.00
- Minimum size:
 - 300 square feet
- Location:
 - In place of existing impervious surface (driveway, walkway, patio, etc.)
 - Does not divert water from the existing flow path
 - Does not back up water onto a neighbors property
- Design/Installation:
 - Conservation landscape replacement
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