



Rockville RainScapes Rewards Rain Barrel Rebate Application

Rainwater harvesting equipment captures rainwater runoff and reduces the amount of stormwater entering local streams, which leads to reduced chemical and nutrient pollutants entering waterways. Another environmental benefit of this equipment is water use for irrigation during droughts.

The program also offers rebates for **conservation landscaping** and **planting trees**. For the most up-to-date information regarding the City of Rockville's RainScapes program please visit:

<http://www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/watersheds/rainscapes.html>

Who Is Eligible

- To participate, your residential property must be located in the City of Rockville.
- Projects are **not** eligible if they are associated with permit approval requirements for new building construction, additions, or renovations.
- Projects that are partially or completely finished before approval will **not** qualify for rebates.
- All requirements as outlined below, in the application, and in the *Design Criteria and Guidelines for Project Eligibility* (attached) must be met. All decisions are final and are at the sole discretion of the City of Rockville.

Application Process & Requirements

- 1. Submit your application, property owner agreement, and “before” photos for approval.**
Complete applications should be e-mailed to the RainScapes Coordinator at rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov or mail to 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville MD 20850.
- 2. Receive application approval from RainScapes Coordinator.**
Wait to receive application approval from the RainScapes Coordinator before beginning the project. Please allow three weeks for processing. Projects must be completed within three (3) months of approval.
- 3. Begin and complete your project.**
You must retain and submit itemized receipts and/or final invoices for all project costs. Documented costs must equal or exceed the rebate amount requested. The project must adhere to the most recent Design Criteria and Guidelines for Project Eligibility.
- 4. Final inspection.**
Call or email the City of Rockville RainScapes Coordinator at 240-314-8877 or rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov to schedule a final inspection. Inspections will generally be scheduled within 10 business days. Submit itemized receipts and/or final invoice for all project costs. Photocopies are acceptable. At the final inspection, installation of the project will be verified, and the project area will be photographed.
- 5. Receive reimbursement check.**
If all requirements are met, the rebate will be approved, and a check will be issued by the City of Rockville's Department of Finance within three (3) to six (6) weeks.

Please mail or e-mail the completed application with required information and **wait to receive approval** from the City of Rockville. If you have any questions please contact the RainScapes Coordinator at 240-314-8877 or rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov

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Special thanks to Montgomery County’s RainScapes Program for sharing their curriculum and text.

Although City residents are ineligible for the County rebate, we are modeling much of our program after Montgomery County’s so please feel free to reference their website for any additional information.

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dectmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/water/rainscapes.asp>



Design Guidelines and Criteria for Project Eligibility Issue Date 1/2013

*** These guidelines and criteria will be periodically updated to ensure currency with the latest technical information and best practices – please verify that you have the latest version. ***

Rain Barrel and Above Ground Cistern Requirements:

- Written approval** from the RainScapes Coordinator is required before you begin installation or construction. Projects that are partially or completely finished before approval will not qualify for rebates.
- Minimum size: 55 gallons**
- Rain Barrels must include:**
 - Secure lid and screen for safety and mosquito control
 - Overflow drainage outlet
 - Water access tap
 - Positive drainage leading at least 6ft away from any foundation
 - Solid, level support base

Important Note: Underground cisterns require additional documentation guidelines. Please contact the RainScapes Coordinator at 240-314-8877 for details.

Additional Resources

Montgomery County Rain Barrel Manual

www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/dep/downloads/Rainscapes/MocoRainbarrels.pdf



RainScapes Rewards Rebate Application Rain Barrel



Name/Property Owner (please print)

Address

City

State

Zip

Property Address (if not same as above)

Phone

E-mail

Building Type: ___ House ___ Other (i.e. garage, shed):

Rebate: \$1 per gallon with a minimum of 55 gallons and a rebate maximum of \$500 per property.

How did you hear about the RainScapes Program? _____

Have you seen the Rockville's RainScapes Video Series? _____

(<http://www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/watersheds/rainscapes-videos>)

Have you received a rebate through the City of Rockville's RainScapes program in the past? If yes, which program were you rebated under - rain barrel, conservation landscaping or tree planting?

Project Details

Physical description of the location of the rain barrels (e.g., back of house on the right, front of house on left, etc.):

Number of Rain Barrels: _____ Size (must add up to at least 55 gal): _____

Brand/Make: _____

Where will you obtain your rain barrel(s)? _____

Roof Drainage Area and Issues

Drainage area to barrel (sq. ft.): _____ % of Building's Roof (e.g. 1/4, 1/2...): _____

Where does your roof leader currently drain?

Grass ___ Driveway ___ Underground/piped to street ___ Don't know _____

Does your house have a basement and/or a sump pump? _____

If so, have you ever experienced basement flooding, or does your pump run regularly?

Rain Barrel Installation

Is this a stand-alone barrel or will multiple barrels be hooked together?

What type and brand of diverter will be used? (ex. flexible tubing, rigid downspout)

Project Cost

Please estimate your rain barrel installation costs. Itemized receipts are required upon project completion.

Total Cost: _____ Rebate Amount Requested: _____

Installation: ___ Do it yourself ___ Contractor ___ Other:

If you are using a contractor or watershed group, please provide the following information.

Contractor/Group Name: _____

Address _____

_____ Phone
Contractor/Installer Signature _____ Date

Project Site Photos (Before Shots)

Don't forget to attach, either digitally or hard copy, photos of the project site. (max 6)

OPTIONAL: I agree to allow reasonable access to the RainScapes project site for periodic public tours organized by the City of Rockville (advance notification will be made by the City of Rockville). Yes No

I have read and agree with all RainScapes Rewards rebate program requirements.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Rockville Rainscapes Rewards Property Owner Agreement

between
City of Rockville, Maryland
and

Property Owner(s): _____

Property Address: _____

This Agreement is between City of Rockville, Maryland (the "City"), a body corporate and politic, and _____ ("Participants" or "Property Owners"), owners of the property located at _____ in Rockville, Maryland (the "Property"). This Agreement becomes effective once the designated representatives of both the Participant(s) and the City (collectively, the "Parties") have signed it.

The purpose of the Agreement is to specify the general terms and conditions of the Property Owner's participation in the City of Rockville's Rainscapes Rewards Program (the "Program").

Definitions

Rain Barrel means an above ground container that holds at least 55 gallons or more of precipitation for landscape irrigation or other non-potable uses.

Conservation Landscaping is the removal of turf grass and/or NNI species as listed in Rockville's NNI plant list and replacement with plant species that have more extensive, deeper root systems.

Tree Canopy is the planting of trees meeting specifications outlined on the Rockville Rainscapes application to reduce stormwater runoff, improve air quality, provide wildlife habitat, and contribute to savings on energy bills through the cooling effect of shade from trees.

Background

1. The City Council has authorized the creation of a rebate program to be administered through the Environmental Management Division (EMD). The purpose of the rebate program is to provide financial and other appropriate incentives to residential property owners to encourage the use of environmentally sensitive, low-impact stormwater runoff control techniques to reduce the impact of uncontrolled stormwater runoff and improve stream water quality in Rockville.
2. Under the Rockville Rainscapes Rewards Program, the City makes rebate payments available to owners of residential properties that do not currently have on-site stormwater management controls, and who utilize approved stormwater management techniques as outline in the Design Guidelines and Criteria for Project Eligibility included in the RainScapes application packets.

3. The Property Owner(s) has met all applicable eligibility requirements, qualifications, and project standards and criteria as outlined in the Rockville Rainscapes Rewards Application and the associated application has been approved by EMD on _____.

Mutual Agreements:

The Parties agree as follows:

1. The Property Owner shall be responsible for all maintenance associated with any project receiving funding through the Program (the "Project(s)").
2. The Property Owner shall allow representatives of the City to enter the Property to inspect the Project(s) at all reasonable times.
3. The Property Owner shall comply with all applicable regulations and warranties associated with the Project(s), including obtaining necessary permits.
4. The City may make public the results of any program evaluation or data collection, including any photographs, images, or recordings, undertaken by the City in connection with the Program.
5. The Participant must promptly notify EMD of any change in ownership of the Property after the Parties have executed this Agreement.
6. The Property Owner, by participating in the Rainscapes Rewards Program, hereby releases the City of Rockville and its agents, officers, directors, employees, or any other persons acting on its behalf from any liability for damages or injuries resulting from its participation in the Program. The Property Owner agrees to indemnify and hold The City of Rockville harmless for any injuries, damages, or claims arising from the Program.

Total Cost of Project: _____

Total Amount of RainScapes Rewards Rebate: _____

For Property Owner(s)

For City of Rockville, Maryland

Property Owner's Signature

Environmental Management Chief
CITY OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850-2540

[Property Owner Signature]

Date: _____

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