



Rockville RainScapes Rewards Permeable Paver Retrofit Rebate Application

Driveways, patios and sidewalks are hard surfaces that prevent water from soaking into the ground. Installation of permeable interlocking pavers is an effective retrofit to reduce runoff from your property and help prevent pollutants from entering local streams.

Rebate Amount: \$1,200 or \$4 per square foot up to a maximum rebate of \$2,500, whichever is greater. Rebated areas must be existing impervious surface converted to permeable interlocking pavers. *Please note that we cannot provide a rebate over the dollar amount that you spent on the projects based on your submitted receipts.

Who Is Eligible

- ✓ Projects must be installed at a private single-family residence, homeowner's association, condominium association, housing cooperative or other non-profit property located in the City of Rockville.
- ✓ Eligible properties can receive up to a **lifetime total of \$2,500 per property** in rebates.
- ✓ Projects will **not** qualify for rebates if they are partially or completely finished before approval.
- ✓ Projects are **not** eligible if they are associated with permit approval requirements for new building construction, additions, or renovations.
- ✓ All requirements must be met as outlined below, in the application, and in the *Design Criteria and Guidelines for Project Eligibility* (attached). 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 other attachments.**
Complete the online application found at www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes. Send the Property Owner Agreement and additional attachments (organization approval, photos, sketches, etc.) to the RainScapes Coordinator at rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov or mail to the address above. Paper applications are available upon request.
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 six (6) 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 Guidelines.
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 ten (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 to six weeks.

Design Guidelines Issue Date 1/2019

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

Permeable Paver Retrofit 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.
- Location**
 - Area of replacement only. Increased footprint area is not included.
 - Must be on private property. Public sidewalks or other impervious surface found in the right-of-way cannot be removed.
 - Must not be located in a right-of-way or easement area.
 - Must be existing impervious surface (walkway, patio, excess driveway etc.)
 - Does not divert water from the existing flow path
 - Does not back up water onto a neighbor's property
- Minimum size: 100 square feet.**
- Required design/installation elements**
 - Meets all guidelines found in the [City of Rockville Permeable Paver Design Guide](#).
 - Passes a perc test. (See "[How To Do a Perc Test](#)" hand out)
 - Perc rates from 0-36 hours are ideal.
 - Perc rates over 36 hours indicate poor draining soils. In this case, an underdrain is required.
 - Installed by a contractor certified by the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute (ICPI) with an additional certification in Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement (PICP) or installed by an experienced contractor who has submitted a portfolio of 5 permeable paver projects.
 - A downspout filter must be used if the downspout is connecting into the pavement.
- Call 1-800-MISS-UTILITY (1-800-257-7777) before you dig!**

Additional Resources:

Verify a Certified Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute Installer

<https://www.icpi.org/resource-library/verify-certified-installer>

Montgomery County Permeable Pavers Project Manual

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/Resources/Files/PostersPamphlets/permpavers.pdf>

How to Do a Perc Test (Montgomery County)

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/Resources/Files/downloads/rainscapes/How-To-Do-a-Perc-Test.pdf>