



## 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 City of Rockville offers \$1 per gallon for rain barrel installations. (see *Design Guidelines* for details.)

### Who Is Eligible

- ✓ Projects must be installed at a private single-family residence, homeowners 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

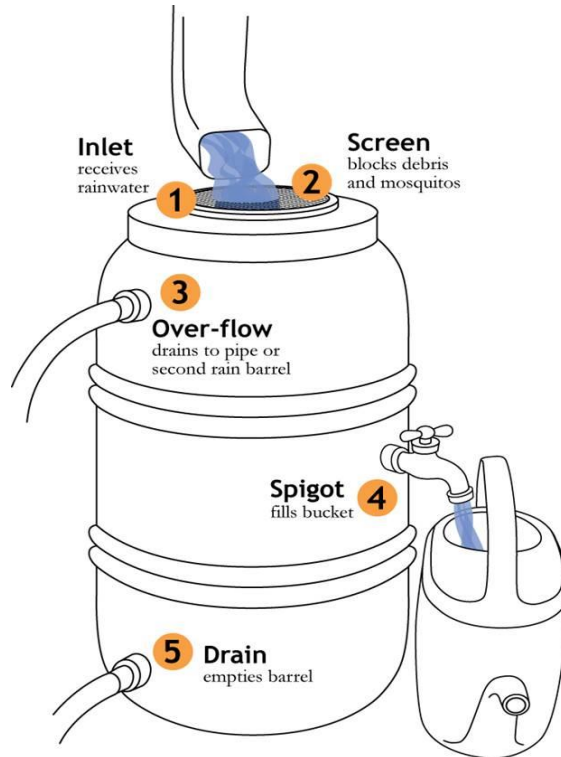
- 1. Submit your application, property owner agreement, and other attachments.**  
*Complete the online application found at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes). Send the Property Owner Agreement and additional attachments (organization approval, photos, sketches, etc.) to the RainScapes Coordinator at [rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov) or mail to the address above. Paper applications are available upon request.*
- 2. Receive approval from the 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 Guidelines.*
- 4. Final inspection.**  
*Call or email the City of Rockville RainScapes Coordinator at 240-314-8877 or [rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov](mailto: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 9/2019

*\*\* 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: 50 gallons**
- Required elements:**
  - Inlet connected to a downspout (1)
  - Secure lid and screen for safety and mosquito control (2)
  - Overflow outlet and hose leading drainage at least 4ft away from any foundation (3)
  - Solid, level support base
- Recommended elements**
  - Water access tap (4)
  - Drainage outlet at bottom (5)
  - Additional mosquito control (mosquito pellets or tablespoon of bleach)



#### **Important Note:**

*The diagram above is a general concept of a rain barrel. Some designs will differ slightly in style or function, but must contain all the required elements above to qualify for a rebate. Underground cisterns require additional documentation guidelines. Please contact the RainScapes Coordinator at 240-314-8877 for details.*

#### **Additional Resources**

Montgomery County Rain Barrel Project Manual

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/Resources/Files/PostersPamphlets/rain-barrels-and-cisterns.pdf>