

PROGRAM DETAILS

ROCKVILLE EARTH MONTH FEE WAIVERS (Month of April Only)

Does my project qualify?

The fee waivers are only applicable to single-family residential projects. Commercial and multifamily residential projects are not eligible at this time. The City's permitting staff will determine eligibility during the intake phase. In general, the following projects qualify:

- **Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems** – Installation of solar power systems, including panels, inverters, conductors, disconnects, transfer switches, overcurrent devices, and other critical system components are included.
 - Upgrades to electrical panels and associated service equipment, as necessary to accommodate installation of Solar PV Systems, are included in the fee waiver. This generally includes Service Entrance cable, meter enclosures, conduit, disconnects, main or sub-panels, grounding conductors, feeders, and other components as determined on a case-by-case basis by ISD Staff.
 - Structural modifications or improvements necessary to support proposed solar PV systems are NOT included in this program. Fees will be assessed for permitting of any required structural modifications or improvements.
 - Installation of Energy Storage Systems (ESS) up to 20kWh are included in this program. Installation of ESS with a rating greater than 20kWh are NOT included in this program. Fees will be assessed for permitting of any installation of ESS over 20kWh.
- **Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Systems** – Installation of EV Charging Systems, including receptacle outlets, packaged charging cord outlets, conductors, disconnects, and overcurrent devices.
 - Upgrades to electrical panels and associated service equipment, as necessary to accommodate installation of EV Charging Systems, are included in the fee waiver. This generally includes above-ground Service Entrance cable, meter enclosures, conduit, disconnects, main or sub-panels, grounding conductors, feeders, and other components as determined on a case-by-case basis by ISD Staff.
 - Structural modifications or improvements necessary to support proposed EV Charging systems are NOT included in this program. Fees will be assessed for permitting of any required structural modifications or improvements.
 - Site modifications such as installation of driveways, installation of footings or piers within a right-of-way, etc., are NOT included in this program.
 - Any right-of-way or other public works permits are NOT included in this program.

- **Geothermal HVAC Upgrades** – Installation of geothermal and/or high-efficiency heat pump HVAC systems, including associated electrical work and installation/modification of ducts.
 - Upgrades to electrical panels and associated service equipment, as necessary to accommodate installation of geothermal HVAC systems, are included in the fee waiver. This generally includes above-ground Service Entrance cable, meter enclosures, conduit, disconnects, main or sub-panels, grounding conductors, feeders, and other components as determined on a case-by-case basis by ISD Staff.
 - Structural modifications or improvements necessary to accommodate proposed geothermal HVAC installations are NOT included in this program.

How do I apply?

Applicants may begin the process in either of the following ways:

- Visit the City of Rockville's permit page, which provides direct links to all qualifying applications:

<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/services/apply-for-a-building-or-trade-permit/>

- Apply directly through MGO if you already have an existing account:

<https://www.mgoconnect.org/cp/portal>

To complete your application, you will need a set of plans that clearly identify the location, nature, and extent of the proposed work. For rooftop solar panel installations, a statement from a licensed engineer verifying that the existing structure is capable of supporting the proposed array is required.

Once your permit application is submitted, City of Rockville staff will process the fee waiver on your behalf. You will receive an email notification confirming that your permit has qualified for the waiver.