



Step 1: Pre-Approval Application

WaterSmart Garden Rebate

Irrigation Improvements and Soil & Mulch Amendment

This rebate program is offered to residents region-wide. Applicants can apply for rebate funding to assist with the improvement of landscape water efficiency. This incentive offers rebates in two efficiency areas:

- ◆ **Irrigation Retrofit Rebate (up to \$550 available):** for improving the efficiency of existing residential irrigation systems through the installation and proper use of efficient irrigation system components. See the Irrigation Efficiency Improvements Document Submission Form for the full list of the eligible improvements under this program.
- ◆ **Soil & Mulch Amendment Rebate (up to \$100 available):** for the amendment of existing on-site soils through the addition of high quality compost, topsoil and bark or other organic mulch to improve soil health & water retention.
- ◆ An **efficiency bonus of up to \$100** in additional rebate funds is available to applicants who are pre-approved for both an Irrigation Retrofit Rebate and a Soil & Mulch Amendment Rebate.

Funds are limited and available on a first come first serve basis. If you qualify for the rebate, a pre-approval letter will be (e)mailed to you. Approved applicants must submit their Document Submission package within four months of the date on the pre-approval letter, complete with purchase receipts and post-installation photos. Please review the program requirements and Documents Submission forms on the rebate website (www.rdnrebates.ca) prior to beginning your project, to ensure you are informed of the requirements for program eligibility.

Applicant and Installation Information:

Property Owner Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email(optional): _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

Describe work to be performed under rebate. If not applicable, simply write N/A:

Irrigation Efficiency Improvements: (must include components to be installed (a sensor is required), garden/yard area to be upgraded, etc.) _____



Soil & Mulch 5 amendments: _____

Estimated yard/garden area to be covered: (min. 400 sq.ft.)

Est. quantity of soil amendments (topsoil, compost, and/or bark mulch) to be purchased:

Approximately 6mm (1/4 inch) for lawn areas, and 75mm (3") for garden beds is the required depth of soil amendment to be eligible for the rebate program. 50mm (2 in) is the required depth of mulch in garden beds for eligibility to the rebate program. In addition, applicants must be top dressing at least 400 sq ft of landscape area.

I have ATTACHED the following digital photos to my application, clearly depicting:

Irrigation Efficiency Rebate:

the yard/garden area(s) where irrigation efficiency improvements are to take place, showing existing emitters, and clearly demonstrating that the area is currently irrigated by an in-ground irrigation system
the existing irrigation system controller.

Soil Amendment Rebate:

the yard/garden areas to receive soil amendment, top dressing, or mulch application.

I declare that I have read and understood the requirements of the RDN WaterSmart Rebate program provided on the website and on this form and I understand that the Regional District of Nanaimo is not responsible for the installation, performance or maintenance of converted landscape areas.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

We recommend that you make a copy of your completed pre-approval form for your own records, as all information provided will not be returned. You may receive an email or phone call from RDN staff to review the information provided on this form.

The RDN reserves the right to inspect or verify yard areas prior to pre-approval. Any qualified yard that receives the rebate may be subject to onsite inspection, verification or follow-up contact by the RDN. It may take up to six weeks to process applications.

Applications may be dropped off, or (e)mailed to:

Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Program
Regional District of Nanaimo
6300 Hammond Bay Road
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Fax: 250-390-1542 Email: watersmart@rdn.bc.ca

