



Permeable Pavers Rebate Instructions and Design Guidelines

Rockville RainScapes Rebate Program

The City of Rockville offers a rebate of \$14 per square foot for impermeable surfaces (concrete, asphalt, etc.) replaced with permeable pavers. Minimum area required is 100 square feet. The rebate amount cannot exceed documented costs. Eligible properties can receive a lifetime total of \$5,000 in RainScapes rebates. You must apply prior to installation and retain and submit itemized receipts and/or final invoices for all project costs.

Eligibility

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Applicants are responsible for obtaining any required HOA approvals, permits or other permissions related to their project.
- ✓ All requirements must be met as outlined in this document and in the approved application. All decisions are final and are at the sole discretion of the City of Rockville.

Application Process and Requirements

- 1. Review requirements and submit your application.**
Review all requirements and *Design Guidelines* below. Then, complete the online application found at <https://cbtrust.org/grants/rockville-rainscapes-rebate/>. Have photos of the project area(s), approval letters, and other documentation ready to upload. *Please allow at least 14 business days for application processing.*
- 2. Receive application approval and sign Property Owner Agreement.**
Wait to receive approval from the RainScapes Coordinator before purchasing or installing the project. After application approval, a Property Owner Agreement will be sent to you for signature.
- 3. Begin and complete your project.**
Projects must be completed within 12 months of approval. Make sure the project meets the *Design Guidelines* and that all HOA approvals, permits, or other permissions are obtained. You must retain and submit itemized receipts and/or final paid invoices (showing a zero balance) for all project costs.
- 4. Final inspection/approval.**
Once the project is complete, upload all related receipts, final invoices, and photos of the completed project to <https://cbtrust.org/login/>. A site visit may be scheduled within 14 business days. 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 Chesapeake Bay Trust within two to three weeks.

Permeable Paver Retrofit Design Guidelines

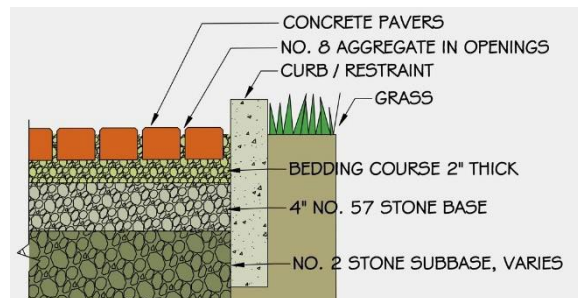
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**** These guidelines and criteria will be periodically updated to ensure currency with the latest technical information and best practices – please verify that you have the latest version. ****

Written approval from the RainScapes Coordinator is required before you begin installation or construction. Projects installed before approval will not qualify for rebates.

Permeable Paver Retrofit Requirements

- Must be replacing an existing impervious surface (patio, driveway etc.) Increased footprint area is not eligible for rebate.
- Must be on private property. Public sidewalks or other impervious surface found in the right-of-way cannot be removed.
- Must not be in a right-of-away or easement area.
- Does not divert water from the existing flow path or back up water onto a neighbor's property.
- Minimum size: 100 square feet.
- Required Design/Installation Elements
 - Installed by a contractor certified by the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute (ICPI) and certification in Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement (PICP) **or** an experienced contractor who has submitted a portfolio of permeable paver projects.
 - Meets all guidelines found in the [City of Rockville Permeable Pavement Design Guide](#).
 - Passes a perc test. (See ["How To Do a Perc Test"](#)). Perc rates from 0-36 hours are ideal. Perc rates over 36 hours indicate poor draining soils and require an underdrain.
 - A downspout filter must be used if the downspout is connecting into the pavement.
- If no sidewalk is present in the project area, a [right-of-way permit](#) is required. City staff will help identify the distance from the driveway apron that permeable pavers may be used.
- Call 1-800-MISS-UTILITY (1-800-257-7777) before you dig!



Cross-section of a typical residential permeable paver driveway or patio. Design may vary depending on site.

Documentation Requirements:

To complete the application process, you will need complete and submit the following:

Pre-Installation:

- Proof of contractor PICP (Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavers) training course through [Interlocking Concrete Paver Institute \(ICPI\)](#) or a contractor portfolio showing at least 5 permeable paver projects.
- Project proposal and/or a letter from your contractor stating that the project will be installed according to the design guidelines referenced above and ICPI standards.
- Photos of project site (up to five).
- If applying as a homeowner within an HOA, condominium association, or non-profit, you will need to upload a project approval letter from your organization's board.
- If applying as a renter, you will need to upload a letter of approval from the property owner.
- Sign and submit the Property Owner Agreement.

Post-Installation:

- Submit itemized receipts or paid invoice (tax will be subtracted).
- Schedule and pass final inspection.

Permeable Paver Resources:

- Permeable Pavement Design Guide: <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Permeable-Pavement-Design-Guide-with-Cover-Letter.pdf>
- Permeable Hardscapes (UMD Extension): <https://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/publications/FS-1062%20Permeable%20Hardscapes%20%281%29.pdf>
- RainScapes Landscape Professionals List: <https://apps2.montgomerycountymd.gov/MCGSPApps/Project.aspx?id=3>
- ICPI Contractor Search: <https://www.cmha.org/directories/hardscape-contractors/>