



# RAIN CHECK

## REBATE PROGRAM

Prince George's County is committed to improving the quality of life for its communities by promoting green solutions to stormwater runoff. Stormwater runoff occurs when rain (or snowmelt) flows over the land picking up pollutants such as oil, grease, sediment, and nutrients which make their way into local streams and rivers. The **Rain Check Rebate Program** allows property owners to receive rebates for installing **Rain Check** approved stormwater management practices. Homeowners, businesses, and non-profit entities (including housing cooperatives and churches) can recoup some of the costs of installing practices covered by the program.

### Rebate-Eligible Practices



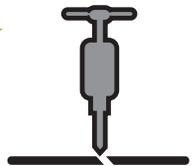
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\$250–\$2,000



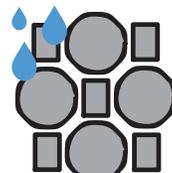
GREEN ROOFS

\$2,000–\$20,000



PAVEMENT REMOVAL

\$600–\$5,000



PERMEABLE PAVEMENT

\$1,200–\$5,000



RAIN BARRELS

\$50–\$100



RAIN GARDENS

\$1,200–\$2,500



URBAN TREE CANOPY

\$150–\$1,800

If your property is located within a Homeowners Association (HOA), you must submit documentation of approval by the HOA with application.

Every practice must meet criteria established by the Department of the Environment (DoE). All practices except rain barrels require pre-approval to qualify for the rebate. Rain barrel rebate applications do not require pre-installation inspections.

A successful rebate applicant will use the website to follow these steps:

1. Assess their property and select the appropriate practice from the list of eligible practices.
2. Review the County's practice guidelines.
3. Submit a project application to DoE. Upon approval the County will send an agreement form and assign a County project coordinator.
4. If applicable, work with a project coordinator to schedule a pre-installation site visit.
5. Complete the project according to DoE standards within 12 months.
6. If applicable, schedule a post-installation site visit.
7. Submit receipts and rebate request to DoE.
8. Receive rebate check.

More information about the Rain Check Rebate Program including detailed information on rebate amounts can be found on the program website.

#### Rebate amounts are determined by:

- **Type of practice**
- **Project cost:** The rebate amount cannot exceed the total project cost
- **Applicant type:** Rebate ceilings are set at \$2,000 for residential practices, and \$20,000 for commercial, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit entities, and not-for-profit organizations.

#### Need Help?

Find out if a community workshop is planned for your area by visiting the calendar of events on the program website.

You can also learn about certified contractors and where to find supplies you'll need to install the practices.



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## ▶ What is the Rain Check Rebate Program?

The Rain Check Rebate Program allows property owners to receive rebates for installing stormwater management practices to reduce pollution from stormwater runoff. Homeowners, businesses, and non-profit entities (including housing cooperatives) can recoup some of the cost for installing practices covered by the program. This rebate program was established in 2012 through County Bill 40-2012 and is administered by DoE.

## ▶ Who is eligible for a rebate under this program?

An applicant is eligible for a rebate as long as: 1) the project is established on property located in Prince George's County; 2) the application for the project was approved within 12 months of the completion date; and 3) DoE inspected the completed project and found it to be in compliance with its original approved application; and 4) the project follows DoE's best practice guidelines and criteria for that type of project.

## ▶ What stormwater management practices are eligible for rebates?

Urban Tree Canopy, Rain Barrels, Cisterns, Rain Gardens, Permeable Pavement, Pavement Removal, and Green Roofs are all eligible for a rebate from Prince George's County. To qualify for a rebate, the project must be successfully implemented on property located within Prince George's County. All practices except for rain barrels must be approved by the County prior to installation and must follow County installation and design guidelines. Every practice must meet general eligibility criteria established by DoE. The projects listed above are the only types of stormwater retrofits that are eligible for rebates under the Rain Check Program. Applicants will not be eligible for a rebate if the project is part of the permit approval requirements for new building construction or renovations, or if the property is located within a municipality that has a similar rebate program for stormwater management projects.

## ▶ How much money can I expect from a rebate?

The rebate amounts are determined by the Rebate-Eligible practices used and cannot exceed the total cost of the project. Rebate ceilings are set at \$2,000 for residential properties and \$20,000 for commercial, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit entities and not-for-profit organizations.

## ▶ I'm concerned about maintenance of the practice once it is installed.

The County has developed maintenance guidelines that will be given to each applicant and are available on the Program's website. There are also a variety of technical resources available on the Program's website.

## ▶ Does the County have a list of vetted contractors that I can use to install one of these projects?

Yes, DoE is developing a list of qualified private and non-profit contractors that property owners may utilize to implement a stormwater retrofit project, including Prince George's based businesses.

## ▶ Am I still subject to the Clean Water Act Fee if I have stormwater management practices on my property?

Yes, however you may be able to reduce your fee significantly by implementing best management practices that treat all or a portion of the impervious surfaces on your property. Practices eligible under this rebate program will help reduce the amount of impervious cover on a particular property, which in turn may keep your Clean Water Act Fees lower.

## ▶ How do I submit an application?

Applications can be submitted online or via paper forms downloaded from the program website [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/environmentalresources/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/environmentalresources/Pages/default.aspx) or contact Chesapeake Bay Trust at [www.cbtrust.org](http://www.cbtrust.org)

## Where can I find more information on the program?

Detailed program information can be found by visiting our website at [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/environmentalresources/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/environmentalresources/Pages/default.aspx). Here you can find useful information on the Rain Check Program, applications, rebates, best management practices fact sheets, and operation guidelines for maintaining your water quality improvement project.

For more information, call 3-1-1 or contact Chesapeake Bay Trust at [www.cbtrust.org](http://www.cbtrust.org)