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## **RAIN CHECK REBATE PROGRAM**

# Eligibility Requirements



The following entities are eligible for a rebate: individual residences, individual members of a housing cooperative, commercial businesses, homeowner associations, condominium associations, civic associations, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit organizations and not-for-profit organizations, including housing cooperatives. Individual members of a housing cooperative may apply for rebates under the residential incentives category.

The following chart lists the types of projects that are eligible for rebates and the amount of the rebate that is available.

Project	Individual Residence or Individual Members of a Housing Cooperative	Commercial Businesses, Homeowner Associations, Condominium Associations, Civic Associations, Multi-Family Dwellings, Nonprofit Organizations, Not-For-Profit Organizations, Housing Cooperatives
<b>Urban Tree Canopy</b>	\$150/tree	\$150/tree
<b>Rain Barrels</b>	\$2/gallon stored (must capture 50 gallons)	\$2/gallon stored (must capture 100 gallons)
<b>Cisterns</b>	\$2/gallon stored (250 gallons minimum)	\$2/gallon stored (250 gallons minimum)
<b>Rain Gardens</b>	\$10/square foot (minimum size 100 square feet)	\$10/square foot (minimum size 100 square feet)
<b>Permeable Pavement</b>	\$12/square foot	\$12/square foot (400 square foot minimum)
<b>Pavement Removal</b>	\$6/square foot	\$6/square foot (400 square foot minimum)
<b>Green Roofs</b>	\$10/square foot (minimum ¼ roof retrofit)	\$10/square foot if less than 6" of planting material; \$20/square foot if over 6" of planting material (minimum ¼ roof retrofit)

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The projects listed above are the only types of stormwater retrofits that are eligible for rebates under the *Rain Check Rebate 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.

## QUALIFICATIONS

An applicant is eligible for a rebate provided: 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; 3) the Department of the Environment (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. If the property is part of a Homeowners' Association (HOA), the applicant must provide a letter or other documentation showing HOA approval of the project.

DoE must pre-approve all applications prior to implementation, except for a rain barrel project. However, the rain barrel project must meet eligibility criteria established by DoE to receive a rebate and DoE must receive all receipts or invoices within 12 months of application approval. All invoices and receipts for the entire amount of the requested rebate must be submitted to DoE for review and approval. Rebates will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

The amount of a rebate cannot exceed the cost of the project. The maximum rebate is \$6,000 for residential projects and \$20,000 for commercial businesses, homeowner associations, condominium associations, civic associations, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit organizations and not-for-profit organizations, including housing cooperatives. An applicant may complete multiple projects until the rebate ceiling is met. Nonprofit organizations established pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code may annually perform eligible stormwater management projects on public property that benefit the community up to the \$20,000 ceiling. Nonprofit organizations are eligible to receive a pre-construction rebate for residential projects with an approved application and an authorized property owner agreement.

To receive a rebate, the applicant will be required to sign an agreement with the County that will allow for the placement of promotional signage for the *Rain Check Rebate Program* on their property, photograph the property for possible publication, and do follow-up evaluations. There will also be a voluntary option to agree to participate in any project tours the County holds to promote the *Rain Check Rebate Program*. Applicants for a commercial or public project will be required to sign an operation and maintenance agreement for the project.

**For more information, call 410-974-2941 or visit Chesapeake Bay Trust ([cbtrust.org](http://cbtrust.org)).**

