

Rain Garden Information Sheet

Thank you for protecting your local streams and watershed by installing a rain garden! As a Howard County resident, you can receive 50% reimbursement up to \$1,200 toward the cost of installation and an annual percentage of credit against your watershed protection fee (determined by the percentage of on-site impervious surface that you have treated by installing your practice). The following information is required as part of the application process for both the reimbursement and credit mentioned above. Work with your contractor to answer the Rain Garden Information section.

Application Requirements:

- Completed Rain Garden Information Sheet
- Photos of your garden
 - during/after a rain event showing the garden holding water
 - under normal conditions (not a rain event)
- Indicate garden location and downspouts piped/directed into the garden
 - This can be done with your garden installer
 - Simple drawing or aerial screen shot from Google maps
- Receipt showing payment
- Apply on <https://www.cleanwaterhoward.com/residential-reimbursement-form>

Rain Garden Requirements:

Best Management Practice (BMP)	Impervious Surface treatment	Volume treated(ft ³)	Other Conditions	Reimbursement Cap
Rain Gardens	Rain gardens must treat impervious surfaces such as roof tops, sidewalks, driveways, or patios	Rain gardens must comply with Maryland Department of Environment Stormwater Design Manual, chapter 5 (2000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rain garden cannot contain design flaws, fail to treat water quality, or create drainage problems. ● Maximum sheet flow distance to garden is 25' ● Must meet planting requirements 	50% of project, up to \$1,200

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Basic diagram of Rain Garden location showing downspouts connected/directed to garden:

Size of rain garden: _____ ft²

Depth of soil media: _____ in (your contractor will know this)

Soil media used for infiltration (circle all that apply):

Native Soil Soil mix Sand Gravel Large Stone Organic Matter

Other: _____

Circle YES or NO in the following section

Underdrain: YES NO

Topped with Mulch: YES NO

If "YES" to previous question: Mulch type: _____ and Mulch depth: _____ (inches)

Topped with topsoil: YES NO

If "YES" to previous question: Soil type: _____ and Soil depth: _____ (inches)

Percolation test conducted: YES NO

If Yes please indicate the infiltration rate _____ in/hr

Installation date: _____

Individual/party responsible for maintenance: _____

*If you do not have access to the internet, you may submit the above information, along with the address of the property concerned, year dwelling was built, estimated cost of project, funding source, and motivation for project to:

Attn: Julie Costantino
Howard County Office of Community Sustainability
3430 Court House Dr.
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Complete this portion if mailing to Howard County Office of Sustainability.

I certify that all information contained within is correct to the fullest extent of my knowledge. I will permit verifiers from the State of Maryland and Howard County to enter my property and assess the abovementioned BMP.

Signature _____

Name (printed) _____

Contact Phone: _____