



Pre-approval Application: Irrigation Upgrades & Soil Improvements

The RDN is offering rebates of up to \$875 region-wide for residents to improve the water efficiency of their existing landscape. This program is designed as an incentive to reduce water waste in two ways: irrigation efficiency and soil quality. Rebates are available for work completed between January 1 and December 15, 2025. Apply for pre-approval to “reserve” funds for eligible work for up to 90 days. If you qualify for the rebate, an approval letter will be sent to you. A complete list of program requirements is available online at www.RDNrebates.ca and on the Irrigation Upgrades & Soil Improvements Information sheet.

1. PROPERTY OWNER(S):			
<i>Full Name</i>	<i>(Office use) Date Approved Amount Pre-approval #</i> _____ \$_____ IS24_____		
<i>Phone Number (main)</i>	<i>Phone Number (alternate)</i>	<i>E-mail Address</i>	
<i>RDN Property Address</i>		<i>City / Town</i>	<i>Postal Code</i>
<i>Mailing Address (if different than above)</i>		<i>City / Town</i>	<i>Postal Code</i>
2. REBATE REQUEST:			
<p>I am applying for pre-approval for the following eligible upgrade(s) to my existing irrigation system / garden:</p> <p>Addition of Irrigation Controller Sensor:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Rain Sensor – maximum rebate \$75</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Addition of Smart Controller – maximum rebate \$100</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Conversion of conventional sprinklers to Drip Irrigation – maximum rebate \$400</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Conversion of conventional sprinklers to Matched Precipitation (MP) Rotators – maximum rebate \$100</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Addition of quality top soil, compost, organic mulch – 50% of costs, maximum rebate \$100</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> I am completing both Irrigation Upgrades & Soil Improvements – BONUS \$100</p>			
3. UPGRADE DETAILS:			
<p>IRRIGATION UPGRADES REBATE – Description of upgrade(s) to be performed to increase efficiency of existing system. Upgrades MUST be completed by an Irrigation Industry Association of BC (IIABC) certified professional. Visit www.irrigationbc.com, click on "Find a Certified Professional Here" and search by Classification ("Technician") and Area ("Vancouver Island/Coast"). Review the Irrigation Upgrades Eligible Components Checklist (on Claim Form and rebate FAQ webpage) to ensure upgraded items meet rebate requirements.</p>			
<p><input type="checkbox"/> I have submitted with my application, photo(s) of the irrigation system efficiency upgrade(s) at the address above, clearly demonstrating deficiencies of any of the components described above.</p>			

3. UPGRADE DETAILS (continued):

SOIL IMPROVEMENTS REBATE – Description of upgrade(s) to be performed to increase health of existing garden/lawn soil.
Upgrades can be completed by homeowner or by an IIABC certified professional. Visit www.irrigationbc.com.

I have submitted with my application, **photo(s)** of the garden/lawn area requiring soil improvements at the address above, clearly demonstrating deficiencies described above.

Soil Amendment Reference Table – Purchasing Guide to Soil, Mulch, or Compost Amount Required by Application Area & Depth

Application Area (size of garden or lawn)	Recommended Depth of Soil Amendment*	
	50 mm (2 inch) For Garden Beds	6.5 mm (1/4 inch) For Lawn Topdressing
Amount of Soil/Mulch/Compost Required		
37 m ² (400 ft ²)	67 x 28 Litre bags 2.4 cubic yards	10 x 28 Litre bags 0.32 cubic yards
46 m ² (500 ft ²)	84 x 28 Litre bags 3 cubic yards	12 x 28 Litre bags 0.4 cubic yards
70 m ² (750 ft ²)	126 x 28 Litre bags 4.5 cubic yards	18 x 28 Litre bags 0.6 cubic yards
92 m ² (1000 ft ²)	168 x 28 Litre bags 6 cubic yards	24 x 28 Litre bags 0.8 cubic yards

**Recommended depth refers to the minimum amount of organic material added to qualify for this rebate.*

Acknowledgement: I understand that I am not pre-approved until I receive my confirmation letter. Pre-approval expires 90 days after the confirmation letter is issued. Contact RDN to request an extension.

By signing below, I declare that I have read and understood the requirements of the RDN 2025 Irrigation Upgrades & Soil Improvements Rebate provided on the information sheet and on the RDN website (www.RDNrebates.ca), and I understand that the RDN is not responsible for the installation, performance, or maintenance of the upgraded landscape.

Signature of Property Owner(s)	Date Signed (dd/mm/yy)
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Submit application and claim form to:
 Drinking Water & Watershed Protection, Regional District of Nanaimo
 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6N2
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