



## 2019 Septic Maintenance Rebate: Information Sheet

The Septic Maintenance Rebate can provide up to \$600, or \$700 for workshop participants, to assist with the maintenance and repair of septic systems in the RDN. Rebates are available until December 13, 2019 or until funds are spent.

**Apply for pre-approval to reserve funds while you arrange work on your system.**

### TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A REBATE, WORK MUST BE:

- For an onsite wastewater treatment system (e.g. septic system) in the RDN.
- For a property which has not received a similar rebate in previous years.
- Performed in the 2019 calendar year.
- On pre-existing systems originally installed before January 1, 2019 OR to repair a malfunctioning system.
- Performed by an “Authorized Person” as defined by the Sewerage System Regulation.
- For an eligible category and claimed by December 13, 2019.

**Note: New construction and tank pump-outs are not eligible for a rebate.**

### REBATE AMOUNT:

The RDN will rebate 75% of eligible expenses, to a maximum amount, for Category 1, 2, 3, and the Bonus. Flat rate for Category 4. Rebates will be issued until funds are exhausted.

CATEGORY	REBATE	DESCRIPTION
1	\$200 maximum	<b>Replace or Install a Distribution Box with Speed Levelers (pre-existing systems only)</b> A properly functioning distribution box will maximize the effective lifespan of the drainfield by distributing effluent evenly to each line and preventing any one line from overload. Overloaded distribution lines may lead to a system malfunction.
2	\$300 maximum	<b>Install Risers (pre-existing systems only)</b> Risers provide surface access to buried components. If you have risers, you have little to no digging to do hereafter, making future pumping and maintenance much easier.
3	\$100 maximum	<b>Install an Effluent Filter (pre-existing systems only)</b> Effluent filters can prolong the life of your system by keeping solids out of the distribution field. Newer systems may already have an effluent filter. It is often possible to retrofit older tanks to house a filter. <b>Important note: Effluent filters must be cleaned regularly.</b>
4	\$600 flat rate	<b>Repair a Malfunctioning System</b> Applies to system repair and replacement with a value of at least \$5,000. A copy of a completed <i>Island Health Record of Sewerage System</i> form is required to verify system repair. Cannot be combined with a Category 1, 2 or 3 Rebate.
BONUS	\$100 maximum	Combined eligible rebate maximum increases by up to \$100 for 2019 SepticSmart workshop participants. Visit <a href="http://www.SepticSmart.ca">www.SepticSmart.ca</a> for 2019 workshop dates.

**HOW THE REBATE WORKS:**

<p><b>STEP 1</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>SUBMIT PRE-APPROVAL APPLICATION FORM</b></p> <p>Since funds are limited, you may apply for pre-approval and reserve funds for eligible work for up to 90 days. Forms are available at <a href="http://www.SepticSmart.ca">www.SepticSmart.ca</a>. Submit your pre-approval application by:</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:rcu@rdn.bc.ca">rcu@rdn.bc.ca</a></p> <p><b>Mail or in person:</b> Wastewater Services, 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6N2</p> <p>Upon pre-approval, the RDN will notify you that funds are reserved for eligible work for up to 90 days. If the preapproval period expires, funds may be reallocated.</p>
<p><b>STEP 2</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>HIRE AN <u>AUTHORIZED PERSON</u> TO PERFORM QUALIFYING WORK</b></p> <p>Applicants should confirm that contractors meet the definition of an Authorized Person before hiring services. Work must be completed by an Authorized Person to be eligible for a rebate.</p> <p>An Authorized Person is either a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioner (ROWP) in good standing with the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC (ASTTBC)</li> </ul> <p><u>For a ROWP:</u></p> <p>Visit <a href="http://owrp.asttbc.org/rowp-finder">owrp.asttbc.org/rowp-finder</a> Call 604-585-2788 ext. 238</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualified Professional Engineer or Geoscientist in good standing with Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (EGBC).</li> </ul> <p><u>For a Professional:</u></p> <p>Visit <a href="http://egbc.ca/Member-Directories/Professionals-for-Sewerage-System-Regulation">egbc.ca/Member-Directories/Professionals-for-Sewerage-System-Regulation</a> Call 1-888-430-8035</p>
<p><b>OPTIONAL</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>ATTEND A FREE SEPTICSMART WORKSHOP</b></p> <p>Visit <a href="http://www.SepticSmart.ca">www.SepticSmart.ca</a> for workshop dates. Registration is recommended and attendance is free. SepticSmart workshop participants are eligible for the Bonus (must sign in to be eligible).</p>
<p><b>STEP 3</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>PAY INVOICE &amp; SUBMIT YOUR CLAIM</b></p> <p>Claims must be received by December 13, 2019. Late claims may not be processed.</p> <p>Submit your claim by:</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:rcu@rdn.bc.ca">rcu@rdn.bc.ca</a></p> <p><b>Mail or in person:</b> Wastewater Services, 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6N2</p> <p>Include with your claim:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Rebate Claim Form - available at <a href="http://www.SepticSmart.ca">www.SepticSmart.ca</a></li> <li>2) Copy of an invoice <u>detailing eligible work</u></li> <li>3) Proof of payment</li> <li>4) Category 4 only: Copy of an <b>Island Health Record of Sewerage System</b> verifying system repair</li> </ol> <p>Allow 6 weeks for payment.</p>