

Septic systems can effectively treat wastewater when they are properly maintained. The RDN offers rebates to help residents maintain their septic systems. The rebate covers 75% of the cost, to a maximum amount, to install a distribution box, risers or effluent filter. A rebate is also available for system repair or replacement with a value over \$5,000. 2020 SepticSmart workshop participants also qualify for up to \$100 extra towards an eligible claim.

Eligibility

Work must meet all of the following to be eligible for a rebate:

- Identified as Eligible Work in Table 1
- Located on a property in the RDN which has not previously received a similar rebate
- Performed in the 2020 calendar year
- Conducted on pre-existing systems originally installed before January 1, 2020
- Performed by an “Authorized Person” as defined by the Sewerage System Regulation.


Rebates are not available for new construction or tank pump-outs.


Table 1. Eligible Work for the SepticSmart Rebate

Maximum Rebate	Eligible Work
\$100	Effluent Filter Installation 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. Older tanks may be retrofitted to add a filter. Important note: Effluent filters must be cleaned regularly.
\$200	Distribution Box Installation or Replacement 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.
\$300	Riser Installation 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.
\$600	Repair or Replace an Ageing System Most septic systems last 25-30 years. Eventually, all systems need to be replaced. Repairs or a replacement of your septic system with a value over \$5,000 qualify for this rebate. Cannot be combined with rebate for the effluent filter, distribution box, or riser.
\$100	BONUS: 2020 SepticSmart workshop participants qualify for up to \$100 extra towards an eligible claim (must sign in at workshop). Visit www.SepticSmart.ca for 2020 workshop dates.

For more information, please contact:

Regional District of Nanaimo, Wastewater Services

 250-390-6560 or 1-877-607-4111

 rcu@rdn.bc.ca

 rdn.bc.ca/septicmart-rebate

How the Rebate Works

1

Submit Pre-Approval Application Form

Rebate funds are limited. Apply early for pre-approval. Upon confirmation of pre-approval, the RDN will reserve funds for eligible work for up to 90 days while you arrange to have work done on your system. You may request an extension to your pre-approval date, but funds may be reallocated to another applicant if the pre-approval expires.

2

Hire an Authorized Person to Perform Eligible Work

Confirm that contractors meet the definition of an Authorized Person before hiring services.

An Authorized Person may be:

- A Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioner (ROWP). To find a ROWP:
Visit **owrp.asttbc.org/rowp-finder**
Call 604-585-2788 ext. 238
- A Qualified Professional Engineer or Geoscientist. To find a Professional:
Visit **egbc.ca/Member-Directories/Professionals-for-Sewerage-System-Regulation**
Call 1-888-430-8035

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Attend a FREE SepticSmart Workshop (Optional)

Visit **www.SepticSmart.ca** for workshop dates. Registration is recommended and attendance is free. 2020 SepticSmart workshop participants are eligible for the Bonus (must sign in on attendance sheet).

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Pay Invoice & Submit Your Claim

Claims must be received before your pre-approval expires and no later than December 11, 2020.

Include with your claim:

- 1) Rebate Claim Form
- 2) Copy of an invoice detailing eligible work
- 3) Proof of payment (i.e. receipt)

Late claims may not be processed. Allow 6 weeks for payment.

How to Find and Submit Forms


Forms are available at **rdn.bc.ca/septicmart-rebate**


Submit your pre-approval application and claim form by:


Email: rcu@rdn.bc.ca
Mail or in person: Wastewater Services
 6300 Hammond Bay Road
 Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6N2

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