

## SepticSmart Rebate

### 2026 Information Sheet

Septic systems can effectively treat wastewater when they are properly maintained. The Regional District of Nanaimo offers up to \$700 in rebates to help residents 1) install an **effluent filter**, 2) install or replace a **distribution box**, 3) install **risers**, or 4) **repair or replace an aging system**.

#### Eligibility

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

- Listed as Eligible Work in the Table of SepticSmart Rebates
- Located on a property in the RDN that has not previously received a similar rebate
- Performed in the past year
- Conducted on pre-existing systems (not for original installation)
- Performed by an “Authorized Person” (explained in Step #2 on next page).

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

Table of SepticSmart Rebates

Maximum Rebate	RDN will Cover	Eligible Work
\$100	75% of cost, up to the maximum	<b>Effluent Filter Installation</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. Older tanks may be retrofitted to add a filter. <b>Important note: Effluent filters must be cleaned regularly.</b>
\$200	75% of cost, up to the maximum	<b>Distribution Box Installation or Replacement</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.
\$400	75% of cost, up to the maximum	<b>Riser Installation</b> Risers provide surface access to buried components. With risers, you have little to no digging to do hereafter, making future pumping and maintenance much easier.
<b>OR</b>		
\$700	Flat Rate	<b>Repair or Replace an Aging System</b> Septic systems have a finite lifespan. Most septic systems last 25-30 years. This rebate covers system replacement or major repairs worth over \$10,000. <b>Cannot be combined with rebate for the effluent filter, distribution box, or riser.</b>

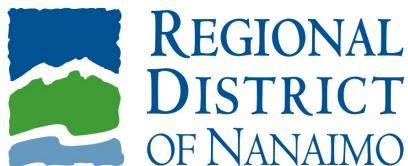
#### For more information, please contact:

Regional District of Nanaimo, Wastewater Services

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

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[rdn.bc.ca/septicsmart-rebate](http://rdn.bc.ca/septicsmart-rebate)



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#### How the Rebate Works

##### Step 1 Optional if work is not yet done: Apply for Pre-Approval

Rebate funds are limited. You may apply for pre-approval before your work is done. Once pre-approved, the RDN will reserve funds for eligible work for up to 90 days. You may request an extension to your pre-approval date, but funds may be reallocated to another applicant if your pre-approval expires.

##### Step 2 Hire an Authorized Person to Perform Eligible Work

Confirm that you are hiring an Authorized Person. An Authorized Person may be:

- 1) A Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioner (ROWP). **To find a ROWP:**

**Visit:** [asttbc.org/registrants/registrant-directory/](http://asttbc.org/registrants/registrant-directory/)  
**Follow** instructions for "HOW TO SEARCH" and filter "Sub-class" for "ROWP"

- 2) A Qualified Professional Engineer or Geoscientist. **To find a Professional:**

**Visit:** [egbc.ca/Member-Directories/Professionals-for-Sewerage-System-Regulation](http://egbc.ca/Member-Directories/Professionals-for-Sewerage-System-Regulation)  
**Scroll** down to find Professionals on "Vancouver Island"

##### Step 3 Pay Invoice & Submit Your Claim

Include with your claim:

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

Claims must be received before your pre-approval expires and no later than December 31, 2025. Late claims may not be processed. Allow 6 weeks for payment.

#### FORMS Find Forms Online

Find Preapproval and Claim forms at [rdn.bc.ca/septicsmart-rebate](http://rdn.bc.ca/septicsmart-rebate). Submit them one of 3 ways:

1. **Online:** Complete forms online
2. **E-mail:** Email to: [rcu@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:rcu@rdn.bc.ca)  
Wastewater Services  
Regional District of Nanaimo  
6300 Hammond Bay Road  
Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6N2
3. **Mail:**

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