



# Pre-approval Application: Irrigation Upgrades & Soil Improvements

The RDN is offering rebates of up to \$1,075 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, 2026. 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](http://www.RDNrebates.ca) and on the Irrigation Upgrades & Soil Improvements Information sheet.

## 1. PROPERTY OWNER(S):

|   |                          |                            |             |                |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Full Name                                 |                          | (Office use) Date Approved | Amount      | Pre-approval # |
|   |                          |                            | \$          | IS26           |
| Phone Number (main)                       | Phone Number (alternate) | E-mail Address             |             |                |
| RDN Property Address                      |                          | City / Town                | Postal Code |                |
| Mailing Address (if different than above) |                          | City / Town                | Postal Code |                |

## 2. REBATE REQUEST:

I am applying for pre-approval for the following eligible upgrade(s) to my existing irrigation system / garden:

Addition of Irrigation Controller Sensor:

☐ Rain Sensor – maximum rebate \$75

☐ Addition of Smart Controller – maximum rebate \$100

☐ Conversion of conventional sprinklers to Drip Irrigation – maximum rebate \$400

☐ Conversion of conventional sprinklers to Matched Precipitation (MP) Rotators – maximum rebate \$100

☐ Addition of quality top soil, compost, organic mulch – 50% of costs + \$100 delivery, maximum rebate \$300

☐ I am completing both Irrigation Upgrades & Soil Improvements – BONUS \$100

## 3. UPGRADE DETAILS:

**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](http://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.

☐ 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.

**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](http://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<br>(size of garden or lawn) | Recommended Depth of Soil Amendment*     |  |
|--|--|--|
|  | 50 mm (2 inch)<br>For <b>Garden</b> Beds | 6.5 mm (1/4 inch)<br>For <b>Lawn</b> Topdressing |
| Amount of Soil/Mulch/Compost Required        |  |  |
| 37 m <sup>2</sup><br>(400 ft <sup>2</sup> )  | 67 x 28 Litre bags<br>2.4 cubic yards    | 10 x 28 Litre bags<br>0.32 cubic yards           |
| 46 m <sup>2</sup><br>(500 ft <sup>2</sup> )  | 84 x 28 Litre bags<br>3 cubic yards      | 12 x 28 Litre bags<br>0.4 cubic yards            |
| 70 m <sup>2</sup><br>(750 ft <sup>2</sup> )  | 126 x 28 Litre bags<br>4.5 cubic yards   | 18 x 28 Litre bags<br>0.6 cubic yards            |
| 92 m <sup>2</sup><br>(1000 ft <sup>2</sup> ) | 168 x 28 Litre bags<br>6 cubic yards     | 24 x 28 Litre bags<br>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 2026 Irrigation Upgrades & Soil Improvements Rebate provided on the information sheet and on the RDN website ([www.RDNrebates.ca](http://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)



**DRINKING WATER  
WATERSHED  
PROTECTION**

**Submit application and claim form to:**

Drinking Water & Watershed Protection, Regional District of Nanaimo  
6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6N2  
Fax: 250-390-1542 Email: [watersmart@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:watersmart@rdn.bc.ca)