



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 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:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain Sensor – maximum rebate \$75			
<input type="checkbox"/> Addition of Smart Controller – maximum rebate \$100			
<input type="checkbox"/> Conversion of conventional sprinklers to Drip Irrigation – maximum rebate \$400			
<input type="checkbox"/> Conversion of conventional sprinklers to Matched Precipitation (MP) Rotators – maximum rebate \$100			
<input type="checkbox"/> Addition of quality top soil, compost, organic mulch – 50% of costs + \$100 delivery, maximum rebate \$300			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 , 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.			
<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.			

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 2026 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.

<i>Signature of Property Owner(s)</i>	<i>Date Signed (dd/mm/yy)</i>
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**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