

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### Rain Garden Rebate Program

#### Overview

Install a pre-approved residential rain garden that is verified by Reep Green Solutions (Reep), and receive a one-time rebate payment of \$0.50/litre of Stormwater volume retained (to a maximum of \$2,000) from The Corporation of the City of Guelph (the "City of Guelph").

#### To qualify for a rebate, an Applicant must:

- Own a home on property located within the geographic limits of the City of Guelph, which is serviced by the municipal water and wastewater system.
- Be responsible for paying the stormwater fees and charges.
- Complete, sign and submit the Pre-Approval Application Form.
- Receive the City of Guelph's written approval to participate in the rebate program.
- Participate in the Reep home visits including the Initial Home Visit, and an optional Build Phase Visit.
- Install a residential rain garden within 60 days of the City of Guelph's written approval to participate in the program, in accordance with the drought tolerant landscaping principles, and Best Management Practices (BMPs) endorsed by The City of Guelph's Healthy Landscapes Program and Reep, and the goals of the City's Stormwater Management Program.
- Install the rain garden:
  - In compliance with all applicable provincial and City of Guelph building codes, zoning bylaws and permit requirements.
  - So that rainwater is collected from the available property roof area and directed to a rain garden from a downspout.
  - So that excess rainfall discharge is managed in accordance with the City of Guelph's Stormwater management requirements and subject to approval of the City of Guelph Engineering Services Department.
  - So that runoff of stormwater in the largest storm events is directed away from the house, all buildings, driveways and adjacent properties.
- Make the property available for a pre-arranged Verification Visit from Reep, required after rain garden installation, for the rebate release sign-off. Provide Reep with an itemized list of items to be claimed under the rebate.
- Submit the Verification Application 30 days after final verification home visit by Reep, with proof of purchase receipts for materials and installation costs and an itemized list of individual components of the residential rain garden. For online purchases, a printout of the final invoice and an original packing or delivery slip is required. Before, during and after photos, and a sample of rain garden soil are also to be submitted to the City of Guelph.

#### Rebate

- A limited number of rebates are available, one rebate per household.
- Applications will be processed on a first come, first-served, basis.
- Rebates will be provided to program participants by cheque.
- The maximum rebate is \$2,000 per Applicant, per property. Rebate based on \$0.50/litre of stormwater volume retained.
- No rebate will exceed the purchase price of materials or installation costs. Please see the list below of materials and costs that qualify for rebate.

#### Qualified Materials/Costs:

- Mulch
- Sand/absorbent soil/compost mix
- Small rock/stones or gravel
- Native plants that are both water tolerant and drought tolerant

- Non-native plants that serve a functional purpose in the rain garden
- Edging (flagstone or other pavers, metal, plastic)
- Landscape fabric
- Downspout extension
- Contractor/landscaper fees (itemized and related to construction of rain garden)
- Other pre-approved expenses or materials

## Disclaimer

In offering this Program, the City of Guelph:

- Is not responsible for the selection, certification, operation or maintenance of any rain garden or related components.
- Does not guarantee or warrant any rain garden or related components, or contractors or their installation, performance, utility savings, freedom from defects, quality of workmanship or suitability for any purpose, or the suitability of the property for installation.
- Has the right to discern any expenses/items it sees fit ineligible for rebate.
- May, at any time, modify, suspend, or terminate this Program without prior written notice.

## Agreement

In consideration of the City of Guelph receiving and reviewing a Rain Garden Rebate Program application, and paying any rebate to the Applicant, the Applicant covenants and agrees to:

- Upon request by the City of Guelph, provide the City of Guelph or any of its agents, officials, officers, councillors, staff and employees (collectively, the agents) with reasonable access to the property on which the Applicant has installed the rain garden, to inspect in order to verify the installation of the rain garden and its eligibility.
- Permit the City of Guelph or its agents to access utility billing account information for the purpose of monitoring water consumption and savings resulting from program participation.
- Assume all costs of the operation and maintenance of the rain garden and related components, and all alterations, repairs or replacements.
- Indemnify, save and hold harmless the City of Guelph, and its agents, against all liability, loss, costs, damages, expenses, causes of action, actions, claims, demands, lawsuits and other proceedings, by whomever made, sustained, brought or prosecuted, including by third parties, involving bodily injury, death, personal injury, and property damage, in any way based upon, occasioned by or attributable to the Applicant's participation in this Program.
- Maintain the rain garden for a minimum of four (4) years after receipt of any rebate.
- Refund the rebate to the City of Guelph on request, if the application contains any material misstatement or misrepresentation on the Applicant's behalf, or if the Applicant breaches any of these terms and conditions.