

Maryland Stormwater Fee

Residential Credits

SINGLE FAMILY PROPERTY customers have several ways to reduce their fee under the City's Stormwater Credit Program. They include public participation activities and a variety of simple stormwater practices. The credit amounts vary depending on the activity. Customers can also check that the amount of impervious surface on their property is accurately calculated. For more information about the City's Stormwater Credit Program please call **Customer Support and Services Division at (410) 396-5398**. Representatives are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The City Stormwater Credit application and additional information is available at www.cleanwaterbaltimore.org under the Stormwater tab.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Customers can receive credits for participating in a public project or community event as long as the organizer registers the event through 311, receives approval from the Department of Public Works 30 days prior to the event, and the event is held within the City limits.
- Examples of eligible events are stream clean-ups, tree plantings, and de-paving activities. The event organizer must provide each participant a certification form that verifies their participation and the number of hours worked.
- Participants are responsible for requesting the credit to be applied to their Maryland stormwater fee account.

Maximum Credit – For every 8 hours of participation, a credit reduction of \$10 is applied against the fee over one year. A maximum credit of 24 hours, or \$30, may be applied against a stormwater account in any one year.

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SIMPLE RESIDENTIAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Rain gardens, tree plantings, and rainwater harvesting are examples of **simple best management practices** (BMPs) that customers can install on their own property to receive credits. BMPs must meet basic requirements, and the customer must sign a simple right of entry agreement to allow Public Works to inspect the facility to be sure it is performing and maintained as designed. BMPs that are already installed and meet the basic requirements are also eligible for these credits.



Rain Garden – The rain garden should be designed to treat runoff. The credit is for 3 years, and can be renewed for additional three year increments.



Tree Planting – At least 2 trees must have been planted after January 1, 2010. The customer receives an annual credit for 3 years. As long as the trees are healthy, the credit can be renewed for additional 3 year increments.



Rainwater Harvesting – A rainwater harvesting system must capture stormwater runoff from impervious surface. The credit is for 3 years. Upon inspection, this credit is renewable for additional 3 year increments.

OTHER RESIDENTIAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Single Family Property customers can also receive credits for more complex BMPs. These systems require documentation that the design meets Maryland Department of the Environment standards and requires a signed right of entry agreement to allow for periodic inspections by Public Works.

BMPs that are already installed and meet the design requirements are also eligible for these credits.

