

Town of North Hempstead Native Plant Residential Rebate Program 2024

Terms and Conditions

Please carefully read the following Terms and Conditions that are required for application and reimbursement for this program.

- Only Town of North Hempstead residents are eligible for this rebate program and proof of residency is required. The applicant's name and address must be listed on the proof of residency. Proof of Town of North Hempstead residency documents include driver's license, utility bill, and telephone bill.
- Applicants can apply for a **maximum of \$350** for the purchase of native plants (see 'Native Plant List' for eligible plants) that are used to replace turf/ lawn grass or an existing garden space and create a native plant garden or rain garden in a residential home landscape. Taxes and delivery fees are not reimbursable. Other supplies used to create the garden are also not reimbursable (ex. compost, mulch). Applicants may apply for less than \$350 if they do not need the full amount for their proposed project.
- Rebates are available for new plantings only. Purchases of native plants must be made after approval of application and receipts must be dated after date of application approval.
- **Project Requirements**- each garden created through this program is required to have the following:
 - Only New York native plants and some naturalized species will be reimbursable. Please use the provided 'Native Plant List' and the NY Flora Atlas (<https://newyork.plantatlas.usf.edu/>) to determine appropriate species. Cultivars of these plants are acceptable, but not ideal. See 'Native Plant List' for more information on the drawbacks of cultivars. Please email sustain@northhempsteadny.gov with any questions about plant selection.
 - You must plant 3 or more plants of each herbaceous plant species (herbaceous plants are wildflowers, grasses, sedges, rushes and ferns, not trees or shrubs). This improves visual aesthetics of your garden and assists pollinators and other wildlife with locating these plants.
 - Plants must match the site conditions where you are installing your garden. For example, do not plant a shade plant in a full sun area or a species that needs wet soil in a dry area.
 - Garden must be at least 50 square feet in area.
 - The applicant is responsible for ensuring that their project meets all code requirements.
 - If an application is approved and a resident must make any major changes to plant species and design, they must notify the Town or reimbursement may be denied.
- **Recommendations for designing and planting gardens**
 - Plant at least 2 blooming species each season (spring, summer, and fall) to provide a food source for pollinators throughout the growing season.
 - Plant at least once species of milkweed as this is the host plant for the declining monarch butterfly and monarch conservation is an important goal for the Town.
 - Be considerate of mature plant sizes. Site accordingly with tall plants in the back and shorter plants in the front. Plants that get wide should be given appropriate space to grow.
 - Use non-herbicide methods of site preparation and management. The provided 'Preparing, Designing and Maintaining Your Native Plant Garden' document will help with this.
 - Plant in spring or fall so that plants have the best conditions for success and excessive water does not need to be used for irrigation in the heat of the summer.
 - Front yard plantings are encouraged to be more formal. This can be achieved by planting in groupings of the same plant and choosing plants that are upright and do not flop.

- Applications that meet the requirements will be accepted on a rolling basis. Projects will be funded on a first come first served basis until funding is exhausted or the deadline of **October 1, 2024** is reached. **Do not make any purchases for the project until you receive a notification from the Town of North Hempstead that your project has been approved.**
- Only one (1) rebate per household.
- The Town of North Hempstead is not responsible for any problems associated with purchased plants.
- For reimbursement, residents must submit the documents and information listed on the “Reimbursement Documents Checklist.” Please see document on www.northhempsteadny.gov/np. Please note that the applicant will only be reimbursed for purchases made. Therefore, if an applicant spends less than the amount of money they applied for on their application, they will only be reimbursed for what was purchased, not the entire amount. Also, if an applicant spends more than what they applied for, they will only be reimbursed for the proposed amount.
- The Town reserves the right to use photos and narrative about the applicant’s garden provided by the applicant in educational materials to promote the rebate program. The Town will not reveal an applicant’s personal information such as name, address, etc.
- If an applicant decides they cannot complete their project for any reason they must contact the Town to notify them or they will forfeit any chance of receiving future funding from the program.

Reimbursement

- Documentation of a completed project (including the aforementioned documents) must be received by **November 15, 2024**, to receive reimbursement, however it can be sent any time before this date, if the project is completed.
 - If a project is not completed by August 1, 2024, the applicant must provide an update on progress detailing how their additional funds will be used and how the project will be completed by November 15, 2024 or risk losing any remaining funding.
 - Completed documentation must be sent to:

Email (preferred):
Sustain@northhempsteadny.gov

Mail:
 Town of North Hempstead
 Department of Planning and Environmental Protection
 210 Plandome Road
 Manhasset, NY 11030
 Attn: Meagan Fastuca

- Rebate checks will be issued by mail to the Name and Address on the application form. Checks will be issued by the Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- One check will be issued per individual and property address.
- Please allow 2-4 weeks for reimbursement check to arrive.