

Rice County Septic Upgrade Voluntary Incentive Rebate Program –Guidelines

Overview

Rice County has been awarded a Clean Water Fund – Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Enhancement grant. A part of this grant funding is to provide incentive payments to Rice County landowners that upgrade sewage treatment systems that are an imminent threat to public health or a failing to protect groundwater sewage treatment system. The Rice County Board of Commissioners adopts this policy to direct use of those funds.

The Rice County ISTS Incentive Program is established to provide incentive payments to qualified applicants living in Rice County to encourage replacement of individual sewage treatment systems that are deemed an imminent threat to public health or a failing to protect groundwater system. Such an incentive program promotes public health and welfare by preventing, reducing and eliminating water pollution and threats to public health and safety. The Rice County Environmental Services Department will administer the program on behalf of Rice County.

Eligible Properties & Recipients

Eligible recipients are individuals that own the real property for which the improvement is to be made. Program incentive payments for septic systems shall be used to improve residential properties located within Rice County. The property owner must have upgraded an existing imminent threat to public health or failing to protect groundwater septic system, and the property owner must have attended an operation and maintenance education workshop sponsored under this program. The sewage treatment system installed must be compliant with Minnesota Rules 7080-7082 and Rice County Sewage Treatment Ordinance. Rebate funds may not be received for systems that were upgraded due to new construction, property transfer and/or increasing capacity of an existing individual sewage treatment system. This program will be retroactive to include systems that were installed in the 2010 construction season provided the applicant attends an operation and maintenance workshop.

Rebate Funding & Application Process

1. A \$300 rebate will be issued to those property owners that meet the qualifications above and submit an application to the Rice County Environmental Services Department.
2. Applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis.
3. Funds will be reserved for an applicant if a septic permit to install a compliant system has been obtained and the property owner has registered to attend one of the homeowner's operation and maintenance workshops.
4. The rebate check will be issued once a final inspection has been conducted on the upgraded compliant system and the property owner has attended the operation and maintenance workshop.

For Further Information or an Application Form Please Contact:

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