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City of San Diego

Commercial, Industrial and Institutional (CII)

OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION REBATE APPLICATION

for Grass Replacement & Micro-Irrigation

Effective July 1, 2015

- In order to participate in the rebate program and **PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION**, customers **MUST FIRST** review the [Grass Replacement /Micro Irrigation Rebate Guidelines](#).
- Rebates are only available for properties within the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department potable water service area. Customers using recycled water for irrigation are currently not eligible to apply for this rebate.
- Tenants may be eligible for rebates with written consent of property owner. Tenant's name must be on water bill.
- Rebate estimated in the application shows amount possible based on information entered. Actual rebate amount will be calculated from supporting documents provided by customer showing eligible project costs. Rebate will be the lower of the two: total eligible costs for the project or the stated maximum total dollar amount per customer rebate (total square footage).
- Original **paid** receipts/invoices must be submitted to receive a rebate. The receipts/invoices must display the date of the service/purchase, retailer/service provider's name, address and telephone number. Receipts/invoices must display eligible labor costs; materials cost (excluding tools); taxes, fees and tariffs. The City may request additional back-up information such as copies of canceled checks or credit card payment copies.
- Rebate checks will be sent in the US mail to the customer of record 8-10 weeks after application is deemed complete and post-installation site visit is successfully completed.
- Projects that have already been started or completed before a pre-site inspection has been conducted are not eligible to participate in this rebate program.
- Funding for rebates is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Program requirements are subject to change without prior notification.
- Please visit SoCalWaterSmart.com to determine if you qualify for an additional rebate.

APPLICANT & SITE INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____
(Customer to receive rebate) Business Name Contact Person

Name of Check Payable to: _____

Property address: _____
Street Address Zip Code

Mailing address: _____
(Where rebate check will be sent) Street Address, Apt.#, P.O Box Zip Code

Telephone #: _____
Primary # Alternate #

Water Account Number: _____ **E-Mail:** _____
(Located on City of San Diego Water Bill)

Name of owner (if different from applicant): _____

Telephone # of Owner: _____

Address of Owner: _____

Please check box and fill in information on rebate(s) for which you are applying:

Replacing grass with 25% or more water wise plant coverage: Up to \$1.50 per SF of grass replaced with water wise plants, covering a minimum of 25% of the total grass replacement project area. Minimum area is 1,000 SF (or all grass areas). Maximum area is 10,000 SF. Maximum potential rebate amount is **\$15,000**.

Total SF of grass to be removed and replaced with water wise plants (not including trees and/or impervious surfaces): _____ SF x **\$1.50** = \$ _____ (estimated rebate amount)

OR

Replacing grass with less than 25% plant coverage: Up to \$1.00 per SF. The minimum qualifying area is 1,000 SF (or all grass areas) and up to 10,000 SF. Maximum potential rebate amount is **\$10,000 SF**.

Total SF of turf grass to be removed and replaced (not including trees and/or impervious surfaces): _____ SF x **\$1.00** = \$ _____ (estimated rebate amount)

OR

Undecided on which grass replacement rebate option to select – To be determined at pre-site inspection (please list SF totals in the \$1.50 section above)

Have you applied for a grass replacement rebate for this site before? Yes No

If yes, through which program?

City of San Diego (maximum rebate conversion areas shall not exceed 10,000 SF per City fiscal year)

San Diego County Water Authority's Turf Replacement Program

SoCalWaterSmart Rebate Program Other: **Please Explain:** _____

Micro-Irrigation Rebate (outside grass replacement areas (i.e.; planter beds and vegetable beds): Up to \$0.30 per SF (minimum 1,000 SF up to 8,000 SF) for converting existing overhead spray irrigation to micro-irrigation. Maximum potential rebate amount is \$2,400.

Total SF converted to micro-irrigation _____ SF x \$.30 = \$ _____ (estimated rebate amount)

Type of low application rate micro irrigation to be installed: Drip Micro spray

How did you hear about the rebate program?

City's website: City Publication: Water Bill Insert: Community Event: Friend: Other: _____

You are not yet approved to start your project - Next Steps:

- 1. Pre-site visit:** Once your application is deemed complete, a scheduler will contact you to set up a pre-site visit (must occur before you begin your project). Qualification to participate in the rebate program will be determined at this site visit. If you qualify, you will be given a project start date. Project must be completed within **120** days following the start date. Once the project has been completed please call **(619) 533-6661** to request a post-site visit.
- 2. Follow the Rebate Guidelines:** Once you are approved by the City to start the project, please follow all requirements outlined in the Grass Replacement & Micro Irrigation Rebate Guidelines. Remember to submit your [Plant Coverage Worksheet](#) within 45 days from your pre-site inspection. If you have any questions, call **(619) 533-4126**.
- 3. Post-site visit:** A site inspection after the project is complete will verify the area eligible for the rebate. All applicable paid project receipts/invoices need to be submitted at the time of the post-site inspection.

**Customer Agreement – City of San Diego Grass Replacement and/or Micro Irrigation Rebate Program
Terms and Conditions**

I, the undersigned, understand that this is a limited, first come, first served program, and that rebates are given only for projects which have applications that are pre-approved and adhere to the Grass Replacement / Micro Irrigation Rebate Program Guidelines, and that the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department can deny any application that does not meet program requirements (which can change without notification). I have voluntarily determined to participate in the City of San Diego's Grass Replacement / Micro Irrigation Rebate Program and understand that no rebate will exceed the cost of the items purchased or exceed the stated maximum total dollar amount per customer rebate (the lesser of the two.) I understand I must submit original paid invoices/receipts at the time of the post-site inspection. To determine paid invoice/receipt authenticity, the City may request additional invoice/receipt payment method documentation such as copies of canceled checks and/or credit card statements.

I understand that my Public Utilities account must be in good standing to receive a rebate check. I agree that all work performed will comply with applicable state and local laws, ordinances, and regulations. If this application is approved, I agree that Public Utilities Water Conservation staff can conduct a water conservation survey/pre-site inspection, a post-installation site visit at my property, and verify that the project has been maintained according to Grass Replacement/Micro-Irrigation Rebate Program Guidelines and requirements. I understand that installing artificial turf in the project area(s) needs to meet the Grass Replacement/Artificial Turf Program Guidelines requirements.

I understand that installation of devices and material are my responsibility, as is determination of the adequacy and compatibility of the existing irrigation system. Grass replacement and micro irrigation conversion projects must be installed within the Public Utilities potable water service area to be eligible for a rebate. I understand that with the post-installation visit, Public Utilities makes no determination with respect to choice, quality or suitability of workmanship, materials or equipment. I acknowledge that installation of irrigation equipment and/or landscape materials may not result in lower water bills, and that rebates do not apply to certain expenses including but not limited to lighting, fences, retaining walls, tools, tariffs and sales tax charges.

I understand that the project site must be maintained for a minimum of five years, or for the duration of ownership of the property (whichever is the shortest). Failure to meet this requirement may require customer to refund all or portion of the rebate. The project site shall be available for inspection and monitoring (up to five years) by Public Utilities. Photos of the project may be taken by Public Utilities staff to illustrate transitions from thirsty landscapes to attractive, water wise landscapes. Addresses to project sites participating in the rebate program will be available to the public. Customer names will not be made public or associated with the site address unless requested through a Public Records Act request. I understand that Public Utilities is not responsible for items lost or destroyed in the mail/transit.

If this application is approved by Public Utilities and the work proceeds, I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Public Utilities, its agents and employees against any and all loss, liability, expense, claims, suits and damages, including attorney's fees, arising out of, or resulting from the installation of irrigation, landscape materials and equipment.

If participating in the Grass Replacement Rebate Program, I agree to comply with the program requirements of installing only moderate to very low water using plants, that are not turf-like in appearance, that are non invasive (according to the California Invasive Plant Council) of the project area when mature. I understand that project area square footage cannot be increased once Rebate Application has been submitted. I agree that I must make one or more upgrades or changes to my irrigation system in the project area, as listed in the Grass Replacement Rebate Guidelines. I understand that if program requirements are not met, City staff can deny or provide partial rebate amount for the project site.

I acknowledge that by participating in the City's Grass Replacement Rebate Program I cannot also participate in the San Diego County Water Authority's Turf Replacement Rebate Program for the same project area(s).

For Customers Applying by Mail, Fax, or E-mailing a PDF:

By signing below I am acknowledging that I have read, understand and will adhere to all requirements in the Rebate Guidelines and agree to the application's terms and conditions:

Signature of Water Account Holder: _____ **Date:** _____

Property Owner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(If different from applicant)

For Customers applying electronically:

- By signing below I am acknowledging that I have read, understand and will adhere to all requirements in the Rebate Guidelines and agree to the application's terms and conditions.**

E-mail completed application to: waterconservationrebates@sandiego.gov or

Mail to:

**City of San Diego Public Utilities Department
Attn: Outdoor Water Conservation Rebates
525 B Street, Suite 300
San Diego, CA 92101**

