



# Commercial Grass Replacement Rebate Application

Submission period December 1-15, 2017



- Funding for rebates is limited. Applications will be selected through a lottery process for those **applications received between December 1-15, 2017**. Program requirements are subject to change without prior notification.
- In order to participate in the rebate program and **PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION**, customers **MUST FIRST** review the [Commercial Grass Replacement Rebate Guidelines](#).
- Rebates are 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.
- Original **paid** receipts and/or 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. They 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.

### 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)

#### How did you hear about the rebate program?

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

**Grass Removal Rebate:** \$1.50 per square foot of grass replaced by water wise landscape (minimum 1,000 sq ft and up to 10,000 sq ft), maximum rebate amount is \$17,000. An additional \$0.20 per sq ft is available for the purchase and delivery if using Certified Compost and Composted Mulch.

Total square feet of turf grass to be removed and replaced with water wise landscaping (not including artificial turf):

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft x **\$1.50/\*\$1.70** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (estimated rebate amount) \$17,000 max  
\*Calculate at \$1.70 if using Certified Compost and Standard Mulch in project per Mulch Requirements in guidelines.

**Have you applied for a Grass Removal Rebate for this site before?**  Yes  No

**If yes, through which Program?**

City of San Diego  San Diego County Water Authority's Turf Replacement Program

SoCalWaterSmart Rebate Program  Other: Please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 1. Read and understand the Residential Outdoor Water Conservation Rebate Guidelines for Grass Replacement.** Please read these requirements prior to submitting your application to the City of San Diego.
- 2. Pre-project visit:** Once your application is deemed complete, a scheduler will contact you to set up a pre-project 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 pre-project inspection.
- 3. Follow the Residential Outdoor Water Conservation Rebate Guidelines for Grass Replacement:** Remember to submit your Plant Coverage Worksheet and [IRS Form W-9](#) within 45 days from your pre-project inspection. If you have any questions, call (619) 533-4126.
- 4. Post-project visit:** Once the project has been completed, please call (619) 533-6661 to request a post-project visit. This inspection after the project is complete will verify the project guidelines have been satisfied for the rebate. All applicable paid project receipts/invoices need to be submitted to the City at [waterconservationrebates@sandiego.gov](mailto:waterconservationrebates@sandiego.gov)

**E-mail completed application and signed Terms and Conditions to:** [waterconservationrebates@sandiego.gov](mailto:waterconservationrebates@sandiego.gov)  
or mail to:

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

**Customer Agreement – City of San Diego Grass Replacement Rebate Program**

**Terms and Conditions**

I, the undersigned, understand there is limited funding for this rebate and my application may be selected through a lottery type process. I understand, rebates are given only for projects that have applications that are approved and adhere to the Grass Replacement Rebate Program Guidelines, and 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 Rebate Program and understand that no rebate will exceed the cost of the item 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 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 and maintained according to program guidelines and requirements. I understand that I must submit IRS Tax Form W-9 in order to receive a rebate check. (Note: Please consult with a tax advisor if you have questions regarding any potential tax implications of your rebate.)

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 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 or landscape materials may not result in lower water bills, and that rebates do not apply to certain expenses including but not limited to artificial turf, lighting, fences, walls, tools, tariffs and sales tax charge.

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 and landscape materials and equipment. If participating in the Grass Replacement rebate, I agree to comply with the program requirements of installing only moderate to very low water using plants in the project area that are not invasive (according to the California Invasive Plant Council) and will cover a minimum of 50% of the project area when mature. I agree that I must make one or more upgrades or changes to my irrigation system in the project area, as listed in the 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 I cannot also participate in the San Diego County Water Authority's Turf Replacement Rebate Program for the same project area.

**By signing below I am acknowledging that I have read, understand and will adhere to all requirements in the Commercial Outdoor Water Conservation Rebate Guidelines for Grass Replacement and agree to the application's terms and conditions:**

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Owner signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(if different from applicant)

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