



**CITY OF WATSONVILLE  
LANDSCAPE WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM**

**Application for Landscape Water Conservation Rebate**

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**This rebate requires a pre-installation site visit and a post-installation inspection by City of Watsonville Landscape Conservation Program Representative. Please read the rebate program requirements on the back of this application and complete this page. All rebate applications require the signature of the property owner.**

Type of Account:  Single Family  Multi-Family  Commercial  Institutional  Irrigation  Other

Watsonville Public Utilities Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

This rebate application is made by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Name (to be printed on check)

Property Address (where landscape is rehabilitated) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Mailing Address (if different from Property Address) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Total area of project site (square feet)</b>	<b>X \$1.00/ft<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Total Rebate Requested*</b>
		\$ _____

*\*Maximum rebate \$1,000/year for residential customers and \$2,000/year for multi-family, commercial, and institutional customers*

<b>Project materials and installation costs (attach original receipts and check all that apply)</b>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Low Water-Use Plants <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit Trees and/or other Edible Perennial Plants <input type="checkbox"/> Compost or Mulch <input type="checkbox"/> Permeable Hardscape Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Low Volume Drip Irrigation Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Greywater Irrigation Materials	\$ _____

**I have read, understand, and agree to the Rebate Program Requirements as stated on the reverse page:**

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

Property Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from applicant)

**City Use Only:**

Date of Pre-Installation Site Visit/Pre-Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Post-Installation Inspection: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Approved By (LWC Staff): \_\_\_\_\_ Greywater Irrigated Area (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

City Rebate Approved \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Grant Rebate Approved \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Rebate Approved \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Application Denied Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## LANDSCAPE WATER CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS and CUSTOMER PROJECT AGREEMENT

1. This rebate requires a pre-approval site visit by a City of Watsonville Landscape Water Conservation (LWC) Program representative. The City will provide the applicant with a pre-approval form to be signed by the applicant at the time of the pre-approval site visit. **Do not start the landscape project until after a pre-approval site visit.**
2. The project area to be re-landscaped must be irrigated by an in-ground sprinkler system or other overhead spray irrigation and formally maintained.
3. The existing irrigation system must be replaced with subsurface drip irrigation, permanently capped, or removed. Any new irrigation system must comply with local and state laws that prohibit overspray, runoff, and water waste.
4. All non-planted areas must be covered with 3" of recycled green waste mulch or permeable hardscape materials.
5. Project areas must be re-landscaped with qualified materials listed below. Synthetic turf is not allowed.
  - **Drought-Tolerant Plants** – The WUCOLS (Water Use Classification of Landscape Species) list for region 1, North-Central Coastal can be used as a guide to determine if a species is classified as a low or very low water use. The WUCOLS list can be downloaded at <http://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/>.
  - **Perennial, Edible Plants**. Examples include fruit trees, cane berries, kiwis and grapes. Moderate water-use, edible plants should be irrigated on a separate irrigation zone from low-water use plants.
  - **Permeable Hardscape Materials** –Examples of acceptable materials include permeable concrete, permeable interlocking concrete pavers (PICP), urbanite, and stone and gravel materials for rain gardens and drainage swales.
  - **Mulch or Compost** - Made from recycled organic materials within the Monterey Bay area.
  - **Subsurface Drip Irrigation** - Microspray is not allowed.
  - **Greywater Irrigation Systems** - Greywater is wastewater from laundry machines, showers and bathroom sinks. Greywater irrigation systems must be code-compliant and may require a permit from the City of Watsonville Community Development Department and/or County of Santa Cruz. Visit [centralcoastgreywater.org](http://centralcoastgreywater.org) for more information on system examples, plumbing code and permitting requirements.
6. Qualified rebate materials must be installed at the location listed on this rebate application, served by the Watsonville Public Works and Utilities Department.
7. The maximum rebate amount is **\$1,000/year** for residential customers, and **\$2,000/year** for multi-family/commercial customers. The total amount of the rebate will not exceed the cost of qualified items purchased and labor expenses. Rebate amount is determined by the formula: Total irrigated area to be converted x \$1.00/square foot.
8. Installation of all landscape water conservation rebate materials is the sole responsibility of the applicant, as is determination of the adequacy and compatibility of the existing plumbing system.
9. The City of Watsonville does not endorse specific brands, products or dealers; nor does it guarantee materials or workmanship; acceptance of such is customer's responsibility.
10. The City of Watsonville assumes no responsibility or liability for any damage that may occur to an applicant's property as a result of participation in this rebate program. Due to circumstances beyond its control, the City of Watsonville cannot guarantee that installation of rebated irrigation materials or plants will result in lower utility costs.
11. The applicant is solely responsible for the proper disposal of all materials associated with the installation of the conservation fixtures and plant material (including, but not limited to, soil, grass, irrigation piping, synthetic turf remnants, etc). Please recycle and compost green waste.
12. When the project is complete, a City of Watsonville Water Conservation Specialist must be permitted to conduct a post-installation evaluation of the project. A post-installation evaluation is required to receive rebate.
13. Funding for the rebate will be available until funds are depleted. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, provided the application meets all qualifying criteria. There is no implied or expressed guarantee that funding will be available at the time the application is processed.
14. Rebate application forms must be submitted to the Watsonville Public Utilities Department within 90 days of the date of the pre-approval site visit. Original, dated sales receipts must be provided to receive a rebate.
15. Rebate check(s) will be paid to the Watsonville Public Works and Utilities Department customer of record only. Customer's account must be in good standing to receive a rebate. Allow 4-6 weeks from the date of post-installation inspection for processing of your rebate(s).



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## HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

### **Step 1: Plan your new drought-tolerant landscape**

Prepare a landscape design plan or hire an ecological landscaping professional to prepare a plan for you. (Hand-drawn plans are OK if they are legible.) Landscape contractors with ecological landscaping certification can be found at [www.green-gardener.org](http://www.green-gardener.org). You can also ask any landscaping professional to provide client references for turf replacement projects. Learn about cost-effective, ecological landscape methods for replacing turf and view low-water use plants at <http://www.santacruz.watersavingplants.com/>.

### **Step 2: Get pre-approved**

Call the City of Watsonville Landscape Water Conservation (LWC) Program representative at (831) 325-3376 to schedule a pre-installation site visit. Be prepared to discuss how your landscape plan will conserve water.

### **Step 3: Construct**

After you have received written approval for your project, proceed with the landscape installation project. **Rebates are issued only for projects approved in advance.**

### **Step 4: Post-installation inspection**

Call (831) 325-3376 to schedule a post-installation evaluation upon completion of project. Re-landscaping must be completed within 90 days of receiving project approval.

### **Step 5: Receive your rebate!**

Provide your completed application and receipts to the City's LWC Program representative during your post-installation inspection. You may also mail or deliver your rebate application along with original receipts to:

City of Watsonville  
Customer Service Division  
320 Harvest Drive  
Watsonville, CA 95076-5103

Please make copies of the receipts for your records. Originals will not be returned. If you hire a landscaping professional, ask for materials and labor to be itemized and billed separately. Your rebate check will be mailed to you in 4-6 weeks after original receipts are received and a post-installation evaluation is complete.