



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 both sides. 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 re-landscaped) City Zip Code

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

Daytime Phone Number Evening Phone Number E-mail address

Total area of project site (square feet)	x \$0.75/ft²	Total Rebate Requested*
		\$

**Maximum rebate \$500/year for residential customers and \$1,000/year for multi-family, commercial, and institutional customers*

Project materials and installation costs: (attach original receipts)	Project Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Low or Zero Water-use Plants	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Compost or Mulch	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Permeable Hardscape Materials	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Low Volume/Drip Irrigation Materials	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Labor: Contractor name _____ Phone _____ City of Watsonville business license number _____	\$
Total Project Cost	\$

City Use Only:

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

Application Approved By: _____ (LWC Staff)

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 existing 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. The existing area to be re-landscaped must use qualified materials listed below. All non-planted areas must be covered with a 2-4" of recycled greenwaste mulch or permeable hardscape materials. Qualified materials include:
 - o **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 user. The WUCOLS list can be downloaded at <http://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/>
 - o **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.
 - o **Mulch or Compost** - Made from recycled organic materials within the Monterey Bay area.
 - o **Subsurface Drip Irrigation Materials** – Microspray is not allowed.
 - o **Artificial Turf** – (backyards only)
5. Qualified rebate materials must be installed at the location listed on this rebate application, and must be within the City of Watsonville water service area.
6. The maximum water conservation re-landscape rebate amount is \$500/year for residential single family customers and \$1,000/year for multi-family, institutional, and commercial customers. The total amount of the rebate will not exceed the cost of qualified items purchased and labor expenses. The water conservation re-landscape rebate amount is determined by the formula: Total irrigated area to be converted x \$0.75/square foot.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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).

I have read, understand, and agree to the Rebate Program Requirements as stated above:

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Property Owner's Signature: _____
(if different from applicant)

Date: _____



LANDSCAPE WATER CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAM

The City of Watsonville offers a \$0.75/square foot rebate for customers to replace high water use lawns with drought-tolerant, permeable landscaping. The maximum rebate for residential single family customers is \$500/year, and the maximum rebate for multi-family, commercial, and institutional customers is \$1,000/year. Qualified materials include:

- **Drought-Tolerant Plants** – Are accustomed to dry summers and look their best with low or very low amounts of irrigation water. 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 user. The WUCOLS list can be downloaded at: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/>.
- **Mulch or Compost** – Made from recycled organic materials within the Monterey Bay area. To find mulch and compost products made locally, visit <http://www.omexchange.org>.
- **Subsurface Drip Irrigation** – Applies water directly to plant root zones and prevents water waste.
- **Permeable Hardscape Materials** –Reduce stormwater run-off and allows rainwater to infiltrate slowly into the ground. Examples of acceptable materials include permeable concrete, permeable pavers, stone and gravel materials for rain gardens and drainage swales. For ideas, download Slow it Spread It Sink It! A homeowner's to Greening Stormwater Runoff: <http://www.rcdsantacruz.org/publications>

How can I participate?

Step 1: Plan your new summer-dry 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. You can also ask any landscaping professional to provide client references for turf replacement or water conservation re-landscaping projects. Learn about cost-effective, ecological landscape methods for replacing turf at www.loseyourlawn.org and 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.