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FOR REMOVING THIRSTY LAWN!

**WATER-EFFICIENT LAWN
CONVERSION REBATE**

Program Application



THE CONSERVATION



APPLICATION FORM

NAME ON WATER ACCOUNT: Last: _____ First: _____

**Do not apply if you have already started or completed your lawn conversion project. No retroactive rebates.
Do not proceed with your project until you have received a "Notice to Proceed."**

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

Applicant is: Property Owner Tenant

Property is part of an HOA: Yes No

Property is a business: Yes No

If yes, list Business name: _____

DAY PHONE: _____ **CELL PHONE:** _____

Which number is best to reach you M-F, 8am-3pm? Check it and suggest a time:

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

INSTALLATION ADDRESS: Street: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____

I PAY MY WATER BILL TO: City of Livermore City of Pleasanton Dublin San Ramon Services District
(check one)

CUSTOMER ACCOUNT NUMBER: (required) _____

BY SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION, YOU AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

I, the undersigned, understand that this is a limited, first-come/first-served, one-time program, that rebates are given only for projects for which applications are approved in advance of installation, and that Zone 7 is entitled to deny any application that does not meet program requirements. I have voluntarily determined to participate in Zone 7's Water-Efficient Landscape Rebate Program. I have selected materials, supplies and labor for the purpose of performing the installation. I agree that all work performed will comply with applicable state and local laws, ordinances and regulations. I agree that Zone 7 or my water retailer may visit the premises and verify existing conditions and that the work has been performed. By virtue of these inspections, I understand that Zone 7 makes no determination with respect to whether materials and equipment are free of defects, the quality of the workmanship, or the suitability of the premises, materials or equipment for the installation. I also understand that the installation of irrigation equipment and landscape materials may not result in lower water bills. If this Application is approved by Zone 7 and the work proceeds, I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Zone 7, its directors, officers, agents and employees against any and all loss, liability, expense, claims, suits and damages, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from the installation of irrigation equipment and landscape materials. I authorize my water retailer to make water consumption data available to Zone 7 for the purpose of measuring the success of these programs in conserving water. I agree to a pre- and/or post-installation inspection, upon request.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this rebate program. Rebate is issued as a credit to your water bill.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ **DATE:** _____

I have included the following with my application:

Plant list (names and quantities)

Sketch with plant names

Picture of project with house in the background

**Homeowner association approval, if applicable
(required if property is in an HOA)**

Completed and signed application

Zone 7 works in partnership with these retail water agencies: City of Pleasanton, City of Livermore, Dublin San Ramon Services District (No Cal Water).

***INCREASED REBATE AMOUNTS AS OF JULY 1, 2021: Up to \$2,000 for a single-family residence. Up to \$6,000 for multi-family and non-residential properties.**

PROJECT INFORMATION:

- ❖ Total square feet of lawn to be converted that does not include already planted areas: (Front yard must be at least 100 sq. ft. and visible from sidewalk; minimum 200 sq. ft. for backyards) length x width _____
- ❖ Eliminating spray sprinkler heads is a project requirement. Will your project:
 - Cap off sprinkler heads: Yes No
 - Convert sprinkler heads to drip lines: Yes No
- ❖ Information on "sheet mulching" to remove old lawn: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PBOYm_iXmc
<http://www.stopwaste.org/>

REBATE INFORMATION:

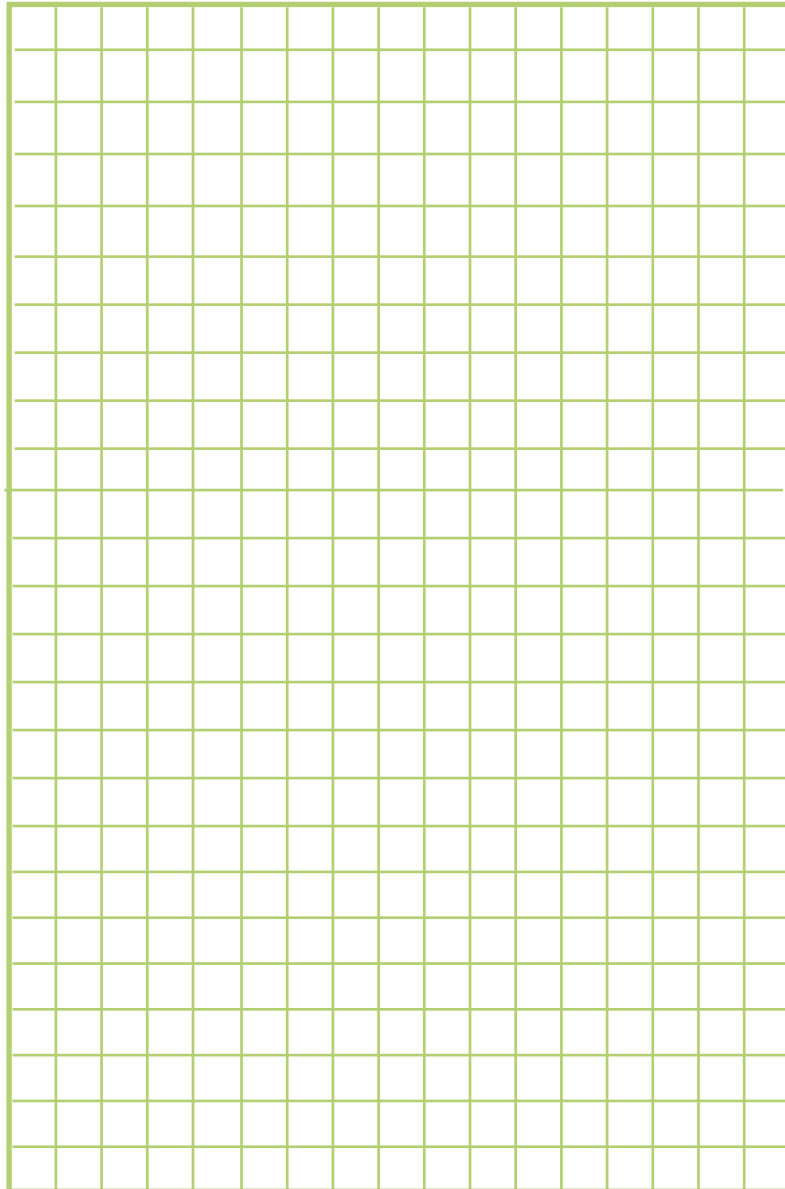
- ❖ Rebate does not include sales tax, delivery, installation, labor, personal items, equipment rental, or tools. Check with your water utility for rebate status.
- ❖ **To be eligible for a rebate, plants must be classified as "low" or "very low" water use in the California Department of Water Resources' database, "Water Use Classification of Landscaped Species" (<http://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS>) or in the plant library at www.trivalleywaterwise.com.**
- ❖ For specific program details, including Project Eligibility, "Terms and Conditions", Project Exclusions, Application Steps, and Next Steps, see page 2 of application or the Water-Efficient Lawn Conversion Rebate Program brochure, available at your water retailer, or at www.zone7water.com under Conservation & Rebates.

Submit completed application with supporting documents to Rebates@zone7water.com

PROJECT GRID

For lawn conversion - must include plants, artificial turf is not allowed.

Using a similar grid, please attach a drawing of your proposed project plan from an aerial view. Include measurements, plant placement, permeable hardscape areas, mulched areas and any proposed drip irrigation. Label design as front or back yard. For each plant, note which qualifying plant list was used (i.e. WUCOLS or <https://www.trivalleywaterwise.com/>). Plants must be low or very low water use.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Lawn Conversion Rebate Program; please read them carefully prior to submitting your application. See brochure or website for additional eligibility requirements and exclusions. Program terms and conditions may change. Check with your water retailer for rebate status and whether your rebate will be issued as a credit to your water bill or by check. No retroactive rebates: receipts for plants must be dated after the authorization is given. Once rebate is approved and paid, customer cannot re-submit new supporting documents for additional rebate funds.

1. CONVERTED LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Customers must either sheet mulch in place or remove a **minimum area of turf (minimum 100 sq. ft. of frontyard; 200 sq. ft. of backyard).**
- b. The converted area must be covered with a minimum of three (3) inches of mulch or permeable material. If a weed barrier is used under the mulch, it must be permeable to air and water.
- c. The goal of this program is to have at least 50% of the converted area be covered by plants by the time plants reach full growth. The plants installed in the converted area must be low or very low-water use and listed as such on the WUCOL or Tri-Valley Water-Wise website (see page 1). Artificial turf is not allowed in the converted area and will not be rebated.
- d. Permeable hardscapes are allowed in this program as long as the material is not cemented. However, the 50% Plant Cover Rule still applies to the entire area converted from lawn.
- e. An efficient irrigation system is not required in the converted area. However, an existing sprinkler system in the converted area must be removed, capped in place, or converted to low-volume drip. Low-volume drip systems must be equipped with proper backflow prevention, a rainfall shutoff valve, a pressure regulator with filter, and pressure-compensating emitters.

2. TERMS OF THE REBATE:

- a. Lawn conversion projects require pre- and post-inspections. A "Notice to Proceed" will be provided by Zone 7 Water Agency or the participating water retailer.
- b. The goal of the program is to achieve lasting water savings. The converted area must remain in place for at least two (2) years. An Applicant (i.e. water customer) may be charged for some, or all, of the rebate amount at the discretion of the participating water agency if the Applicant does not maintain the converted area. This requirement is void upon transfer of ownership.
- c. **The rebate for residential single-family sites is up to 50% of the cost with a maximum rebate of \$2,000. The rebate for multi-family residential and non-residential sites is up to 50% of the cost with a maximum rebate of \$6,000. "Cost" does not include sales tax, delivery, equipment rental, installation, labor, personal items, or tools.**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTINUED:

- d. Applicants interested in participating in the Water Efficient Landscape Program must first submit an application to either Zone Water Agency or their water retailer, including full project details, proposed plant list for the converted area, and current photograph(s) of the area to be converted, and homeowner association approval for the project, if applicable. After the application is accepted, the Applicant may be required to participate in a Pre-Conversion Site Inspection to measure the proposed conversion area and verify that the Applicant's proposed lawn conversion project meets the Terms and Conditions. If the Applicant is approved, the participating water agency will issue a "Notice to Proceed."
- e. **Customers must complete the lawn conversion project within 240 days of receiving a "Notice to Proceed." During drought conditions, Zone 7 may conduct the program in two phases, with a 240-day completion rule and pro-rated rebate payment for each phase.** For example, customers may receive 40% of the rebate after turf is removed or sheet-mulched in place. Customers must then wait to plant until authorized by Zone 7 Water Agency or water retailer staff. Customers will receive the remaining 60% of the rebate after planting and final inspection is completed. **Please check Zone 7's website for the most recent program updates.**
- f. It is the Applicant's responsibility to notify the participating water agency when each phase of the lawn conversion project is completed. Zone 7 Water Agency or the water retailer will then schedule the Post-Conversion Site Inspection to verify program compliance. During this final inspection, applicants are required to provide the following:
 - i. Final list of plants used in the lawn conversion project.
 - ii. Copy of receipts for plants, irrigation equipment, and other direct costs for the lawn conversion project. Note that the rebate will not cover costs associated with sales tax, delivery, equipment rental, installation, labor, personal items, or tools.
- g. **Upon failure to pass Post-Conversion Site inspection, customer will have to refund all rebates that have been issued. Credits to customer accounts will be reversed.**
- h. Photographs and/or video recordings will be taken of the property and the lawn conversion projects by participating water agencies as part of Pre- and Post- conversion site inspections. By accepting the rebate, the Applicant shall release to the participating water agencies, its agents, and employees all rights to those media in print and electronic form, publicly and privately, for any purpose in the normal course of business. The applicant waives any rights, claims, or interest to control the likeness or identification used in any media format. The Applicant's personal identity shall not be published in any form other than solely the Applicant's address. Applicant understands that there will be no financial or other remuneration for recording the subject property for initial or subsequent transmission or playback.
- i. Zone 7 Water Agency and the participating water retailers enforce only the Terms and Conditions of this agreement. The Applicant is solely responsible for complying with any and all laws, regulations, policies, conditions, covenants and restrictions that may apply, and for any and all liabilities arising out of a lawn conversion project. Applicants must comply with all local permitting requirements, and with all state and local laws relating to landscape maintenance and stormwater regulations.

Please note recent program changes: 50% of rebate will be applied after completed lawn removal. To receive the other 50%, planting will need to be delayed until at least the fall, with approval by Zone 7. Customer will then have 240 days to complete the project and receive the remaining 50% of the rebate.