



Cash for Grass Rebate Green Exchange Program

Cash for Grass and Irrigation Efficiency Rebate cannot be issued for the same project area

Rebate Amounts:

Residential: \$0.50/sq. ft. up to max of 500 sq. ft. or \$250.00

Commercial: \$0.50/sq. ft. up to max of 5,000 sq. ft. or \$2,500.00

Applicant must:

- Have a City of Santa Rosa water account (service) in their name for the property where the project will be completed.
 - If the property owner is the participant in the program and not the water account holder, they must receive written consent from the water account holder using a City of Santa Rosa Tenant/Account Holder Permission Form
- Have lawns that are green, regularly mowed, irrigated and well taken care of (dead lawns or lawns already removed at the time of the pre-inspection are not eligible for rebate).
- Agree that lawn must not be reinstalled while you are the current account holder or property owner. If lawn or any other high water use plants (such as gardens) are reinstalled during that time, the entire rebate amount must be refunded.

Steps to Participate:

- 1) If not already pre-qualified, call Water-Use Efficiency staff at 707-543-3985 for eligibility verification and a potential site visit.
- 2) After eligibility of site is verified, you will receive your Green Exchange Eligibility Form (required to qualify for rebate).
 - a) You may then proceed with lawn replacement.
 - b) You have 120 days from the date on the eligibility form to complete the project.
- 3) **Project Guidelines:**
 - a) Lawn may be physically removed or covered by sheet mulching (solarizing / herbicide may be used but not recommended).
 - b) Only permeable landscapes are allowed (mulch, rock, decomposed granite, small pavers, etc.).
 - i) Not allowed: solid plastic sheeting, artificial turf, concrete, patios, mortared or glued paths
 - c) If using plants, only low use or very-low water use plants are allowed. Refer to WUCOLS at <http://ucanr.edu/sites/wucols/>
 - d) If you have an existing irrigation system in the project area, you must do one of the following:
 - i) Cut off irrigation valve, remove it and cap the pipes (leaving hand or no watering)
 - ii) Cut and cap all sprinkler heads (leaving hand or no watering)
 - iii) Cut and cap all but select sprinkler heads and convert to a drip system using an all-in-one conversion kit (must have a pressure regulator and a filter built in)
 - iv) Cut the output side of the irrigation valve and convert to a drip system with a pressure regulator and filter from there
 - e) If you do not have an existing irrigation system you may do the following:
 - i) Install a new irrigation valve with a pressure regulator and filter drip system
 - ii) Hand water
- 4) Once project is finished based on above guidelines, and within the 120-day period, call 707-543-3985 to setup a post-inspection.
- 5) City staff will come on-site and meet with you to verify completion and that the project follows the guidelines above.
 - a) If approved, customer will sign Certificate of Participation and Approval agreeing to terms of rebate.
- 6) Rebates are processed within 4 to 8 weeks after completed project is approved.