Residential Turf Replacement Program_

Convert your Thirsty Lawn

About the Program

Create beautiful, sustainable, water-saving landscapes rich in plant diversity and home to birds, butterflies and beneficial pollinators with the help of Metropolitan's Turf Replacement Program. The program offers a rebate starting at $2 per square foot of grass removed and replaced with water-efficient California Friendly® and native plants. Your local water agency may provide additional incentives. Beginning in early 2024, you can receive $100 per tree added to your turf replacement project for a maximum of five trees.

Application Process

Step 1: Reserve Your Rebate

The first step is to reserve your rebate **BEFORE** removing any grass or starting your project. Use the Estimate Your Rebate tool on SoCalWaterSmart.com to get an estimated rebate amount.

Step 2: Start Your Project

Once the reservation is approved, you have 180 days to complete your landscape project. To receive your reserved rebate, you must meet all project requirements.

Step 3: Claim Your Rebate

After completing your project, return to your application to submit a request for your rebate.

Rebate Eligibility

- There is a limit of one application per home per year.

- The projects cannot be started or completed prior to applying for the rebate.

- Front yards and back yards are eligible.

- The project must have a minimum of 250 square feet of turf removed in the project area. All turf must be removed if the entire project area is less than 250 square feet.

- Areas which have already had turf removed are ineligible.

- Artificial or synthetic turf is not allowed.

Project Requirements

☑ Three California Friendly® plants per 100 square feet of lawn transformed.

☑ A stormwater retention feature to help keep water in your yard when it rains. Rain gardens, dry creek beds, and rain barrels are examples.

☑ Only permeable hardscapes such as mulch and decomposed granite are permitted. This allows water to flow through the surface and slowly filter into the ground.

☑ A replacement or modification of overhead spray sprinklers to a more water-efficient irrigation system is required for all projects.

Add Trees to Your Landscape

Coming soon! The Turf Replacement Program will include an additional incentive for eligible trees incorporated into your landscape design. Get $100 per tree planted for a maximum of five trees. A list of eligible trees will be available.

- The minimum size for each tree is 15 gallons.

- Edible fruit trees are allowed only for residential properties.

Get Inspired

Landscape Classes: Free virtual classes in landscape design and smart irrigation practices are available to help you plant and maintain a beautiful water-efficient landscape. Find a list of Water Efficient Landscape certified professionals to help with your project. Go to **bewaterwise.com/turf**.

Tree & Garden Guides: Get inspired with California Friendly® plant guides, water-wise garden handbooks and how-to-videos at **bewaterwise.com/turf**.

Smart Watering: Install weather-based irrigation controllers that use local climate data to help prevent overwatering. Get a rebate for these devices and more at **bewaterwise.com/rebates**.

Learn More

For more information, please contact **socalwatersmart.com**. Operators are available to answer questions in several languages at (888) 376-3314.

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SoCal Water$mart is a region-wide program brought to you by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Local water agencies may offer other incentive program opportunities. Rebates will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is exhausted.