



## WATERWISE LANDSCAPE REBATE MULTI-FAMILY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Austin Water's **WaterWise Landscape Rebate\*** helps multi-family homeowners associations convert turf grass to native plant beds. *\*You must get pre-approval from Austin Water before beginning work.*

### SAVINGS

- WaterWise landscaping can reduce or end the need for extra watering.

### REBATE AMOUNT

- Up to \$5,000 per property (*lifetime limit*)
  - \$100 per 100 square feet (*1,000 sq. ft. minimum*) converted
- Rebate amount may not exceed total amount of eligible project costs

### ELIGIBILITY

- **Applicant:**
  - Be a multi-family homeowners association (HOA) with water service from Austin Water or a **qualifying water provider**
  - Must share one water meter or one irrigation meter
  - Apply for pre-approval prior to purchasing or installing any project materials
    - One application accepted per 12-month period
    - May reapply every 12 months for more areas until the lifetime limit is reached
    - Must have property owner's permission to apply (*if not the owner*)
  - Agree to pre- and post-installation inspections by Austin Water
  - Willing to let Austin Water track your water use and refer to the project in outreach materials
- **Conversion Area:**
  - Must convert at least 1,000 sq. ft.
    - 75% of area must have healthy turf grass at the time of application
    - Conversions in the right-of-way or in stormwater credit areas are not eligible
    - Cannot alter or modify city-approved screening and buffering areas
  - Must use native/adapted plants from the **Grow Green Plant Guide** (*Austin Water must approve any substitutions*)
    - Cannot replace turf grass with another type of turf grass
  - Must have at least 50% plant cover (*at plant maturity*)
    - Must install plants between Mar 15 – May 15 and/or Sept 15- Nov 15
  - Plant beds and mulch hardscape areas must be top dressed with at least 2-3 inches of organic mulch
  - Irrigation system must be capped off or changed to drip or low-use bubblers after conversion
  - No new permanent irrigation system may be installed
  - No gravel or stone may be used

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## CHECKLIST

- Meet all eligibility requirements
- Submit application for pre-approval **before you buy or install any materials** and include:
  - Pre-installation Photos:** show complete conversion area
  - Site Plan:** show property lines, existing plants, locations/dimensions of buildings, streets, sidewalks, driveways, and proposed conversion area (*must show accurate square footage – see the [Conversion Area Measurement Guide](#) for help*)
  - Planting Plan:** list the types of plants that you want to use, include their mature spread, and sketch their proposed location (*does not have to be to scale*)
  - IRS Form W-9**
  - Send application materials to:  
**Mail:** Austin Water Conservation, PO Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767  
**Email:** [watercon@austintexas.gov](mailto:watercon@austintexas.gov)  
**Fax:** 512-974-3504
- Complete a pre-inspection (*if required*)
- Wait to receive a pre-approval letter from Austin Water
- Once you receive the pre-approval letter:
  - Buy materials and convert the area to a WaterWise landscape
  - Wait until the approved dates to install any plants
  - Submit photos showing finished work and itemized, dated, **paid-in-full** receipts/invoices with vendor contact information to Austin Water
- Complete a post-inspection (*if required*)
- Wait 6-8 weeks for your Austin Water rebate check

## RESOURCES

[WaterWise Landscape Frequently Asked Questions](#)  
[Conversion Area Measurement Guide](#)  
[Sample Site & Planting Plans](#)  
[WaterWise Landscape Yard Samples](#)

# WATERWISE LANDSCAPE REBATE - MULTI-FAMILY HOA APPLICATION

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Austin Water Account # *(leave blank if unavailable)*  
Or Qualifying Water Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant:  
*(account holder or property owner)* \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:  
*(if different)* \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## REBATE INFORMATION

Current Irrigation Method:  Automatic  Hose-end Sprinkler  Hand Water  None

Current Turf Grass: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Conversion Area (sq.ft): \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Person or Company Installing: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the rebate program?  Austin Water website  Social media  
 Radio/TV advertisement  Word of mouth  
 Newsletter  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## REBATE AGREEMENT

I certify that all statements and representations contained in this application are true, correct, and complete. I have read and understand the rebate eligibility requirements. I have completed each of the required items on the rebate checklist and submitted all required items. I understand that incomplete applications will not be processed. Austin Water reserves the right to cancel or modify the program without notice. Rebates are subject to funding availability.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

WaterWiseAustin.org | watercon@austintexas.gov | 512-974-2199 ext. 4

### CITY OF AUSTIN USE ONLY

Eligible Square Footage: \_\_\_\_\_ Rebate: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspected By: \_\_\_\_\_ Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_ PASS / FAIL