



WATERWISE RAINSCAPE REBATE RESIDENTIAL & SCHOOL

Austin Water's **WaterWise Rainscape Rebate*** helps residents and schools install landscape features (*berms, terraces, swales, rain gardens, porous pavement, etc.*) to keep rainwater on the property.

**Applicants must get pre-approval from Austin Water before beginning work.*

SAVINGS

- Rainscapes can help to prevent runoff and reduce the amount of paid water used for landscape watering

REBATE AMOUNT

- \$0.30 for every square foot converted (*100 sq. ft. minimum*), up to \$500 per property (*lifetime limit*)

ELIGIBILITY

- **Applicant:**
 - o Be a residential or school customer of Austin Water or a **qualifying water provider**
 - Property must already be developed (*new construction does not qualify*)
 - o Apply for pre-approval from Dec 1 - Mar 31 (*for spring rebate*) and/or Jun 1 – Sept 30 (*for fall rebate*)
 - One application accepted per pre-approval period (*may apply in additional periods for more areas until reaching the \$500 limit*)
 - Must have property owner's permission to apply (*if not the owner*)
 - o Agree to **register the rainscape** with the City of Austin's Watershed Protection Department
 - o Willing to let Austin Water track your water use, refer to the project in outreach materials, and contact you about participating in public viewing or promotional tours
 - o Agree to pre- and post-installation inspections by Austin Water
- **Rainscape:**
 - o Must cover at least 100 square feet
 - Gravel or rock rainscapes may not be more than 3 feet wide
 - o Must install any plants from Mar 15 – May 15 (*for spring rebate*) and Sept 15- Nov 15 (*for fall rebate*)
 - o Must meet all homeowners association requirements (*if applicable*)
 - o Must not need a site plan submission or other authorization under the City's Land Development Code (*schools only*)
 - o If site is over the **Edwards Aquifer Recharge or Contributing Zones**, contact the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality at 512-339-2929 for any additional requirements
 - o For rainwater collection tanks/cisterns, use the **Rainwater Harvesting Rebate**

CHECKLIST

- Meet all eligibility requirements
- Submit application for pre-approval **before you buy or install any materials** and include:
 - Pre-installation Photos:** show complete area where you plan to install the rainscape
 - Project Drawing:** show property lines, locations/dimensions of buildings, and proposed rainscape size and features (*must show accurate square footage – see the [Conversion Area Measuring Guide](#) for help*)
 - Send application materials to:
 - Mail:** Austin Water Conservation, PO Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767
 - Email:** watercon@austintexas.gov
 - Fax:** 512-974-3504
- Complete a pre-inspection (*if required*)
- Wait to receive a pre-approval letter from Austin Water
- After you receive the pre-approval letter:
 - Buy materials and convert the area to a WaterWise Rainscape
 - Wait until the approved dates to install any plants (*see [Eligibility](#)*)
 - Complete the rainscape project by no later than May 15th (*for spring rebate*) and November 15th (*for fall rebate*)
 - 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*)
- Register the rainscape**
- Wait 6 to 8 weeks for your Austin Water rebate check

RESOURCES

[Rain Gardens Keeping Water on the Land](#) (*City of Austin Watershed Protection*)

[Rain Gardens: Benefits of a Depression](#) (*City of Austin Office of Sustainability*)

WATERWISE RAINSCAPE REBATE - APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Austin Water Account # (leave blank if unavailable)

Or Qualifying Water Provider Name: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Property Owner Utility Account Holder* Both

*Account holders who are not the property owner must submit a letter from the owner giving permission to participate.

Property Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Facility Contact (if applicable): _____

RAINSCAPE INFORMATION

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

Proposed Conversion Area (sq.ft): _____

Person or Company Installing: _____

Estimated Start Date: _____ Estimated Completion Date*: _____

* Must complete all projects by May 15th (for spring rebates) and November 15th (for fall rebates)

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

CITY OF AUSTIN USE ONLY:

Eligible Square Footage: _____ x \$0.30 = \$ _____ Rebate
Inspected By: _____ Inspection Date: _____ Pass/ Fail