



BUCKS FOR BUSINESS

INDUSTRIAL / COMMERCIAL / INSTITUTIONAL REBATE

Austin Water's **Bucks for Business** rebate program is a custom, performance-based rebate that offers up to \$100,000 to Industrial, Commercial and Institutional customers to help with costs for installing water-efficient equipment or process upgrades.

WATER SAVINGS

- Water-efficient equipment and process upgrades may reduce facility-operating costs and help lower energy, wastewater, and pretreatment costs.

REBATE AMOUNT

- **\$100,000 maximum rebate** per eligible project (*materials only, tax & labor not included*)
 - o \$0.50 for every 1,000 gallons saved over the ten-year lifetime of the rebated equipment or 50% of the cost, whichever is less, up to \$100,000
- Projects may also be eligible for [Austin Energy](#) and [Texas Gas Service](#) rebates

ELIGIBILITY

- **Applicant:**
 - o Must be an Austin Water Industrial, Commercial, or Institutional (ICI) customer
 - o Must submit application to Austin Water for pre-approval before buying, leasing, or installing any equipment
 - Applications must include sufficient documentation to allow Austin Water to verify the cost and water savings of the project
 - o May submit more than one application at a time for a facility if the projects are different
 - o Must be in compliance with current [water restrictions](#) and [Commercial Facility Irrigation Assessment Program](#) requirements at the property
 - o Agrees to any needed pre- and post-installation inspections by Austin Water
 - o Is responsible for meeting federal, state, and city codes, and regulatory and permit requirements
 - o May be required to report water savings resulting from the project to Austin Water annually for ten years, and to provide information summarizing the project at the end of the ten year period
- **Water-Efficient Upgrades:**
 - o Must have documentable water savings
 - Projects should be located in an area where water use can be sub-metered or otherwise measured, or where savings can be calculated based on some measured parameter
 - o Eligible equipment must exceed any city code efficiency requirements
 - Rebates are based on water savings above what is required by city code
 - o Labor, installation, consulting, operation and maintenance costs are not eligible
 - o For kitchen upgrade projects, use the [Commercial Kitchen Rebate](#) application
 - o Upgrades must remain in use for at least ten years after installation or be replaced with an equipment/process that saves as much or more water
 - Replacement equipment/process must remain in use for the remaining balance of the ten-year period or the applicant must refund a prorated amount of the rebate based on the actual time the equipment was in use

CHECKLIST

- ☐ Meet all eligibility requirements on pages 1 and 2
- ☐ Submit application for pre-approval **before you buy, lease or install any equipment** and include:
 - ☐ A detailed description/conceptual design of the project, including proof of water savings and a project timeline
 - ☐ A complete list of equipment with material costs and expected equipment life
 - ☐ Completed [IRS Form W-9](#)
 - ☐ Send application materials to:
Mail: Austin Water Conservation, PO Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767
Email: watercon@austintexas.gov
Fax: 512-974-3504
- ☐ Austin Water staff will contact you to schedule a pre-installation visit to review the proposal
- ☐ Wait to receive a letter of intent from Austin Water after the pre-installation visit is complete
 - ☐ Rebates above \$61,000 take additional time since they require City Council approval
- ☐ Buy materials and complete the project **within the installation deadline** in the letter of intent
- ☐ Submit itemized **paid-in-full** receipts with vendor contact and payment information to Austin Water.
 - If the equipment is leased, a fully executed lease agreement with a minimum five-year term including renewal options, must be submitted for the application to be complete. Subsequent lease renewals and extensions covering the remaining, initial ten year period must also be submitted no later than thirty days from execution.. Charges for parts must be separated from labor costs
- ☐ Complete a post-installation inspection by Austin Water to verify installation and operation.
- ☐ Wait 6 to 8 weeks for you Austin Water rebate check.
- ☐ If required, report water savings resulting from the project to Austin Water annually for ten years, and provide information summarizing the project at the end of the ten year period.

RESOURCES

[Bucks for Business Frequently Asked Questions](#)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Austin Water Account Number: *(leave blank if unavailable)* _____

Name of Applicant:
(account holder or property owner) _____

Company Name: _____

Installation Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address:
(if different from above) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Brief Project Description: _____

Estimated Start Date: _____ Estimated Completion Date: _____

Total Estimated Cost of Retrofit Equipment: _____ Estimated Equipment Life *(years)*: _____

Estimated Water Savings *(gallons a day)*: _____ Is Project a New Development? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is Project In An Area That Can Be Submetered? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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. 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:

Pre-Inspection Date: _____ Inspected By: _____

Post-Inspection Date: _____ Inspected By: _____ Pass/ Fail

Purchase Date: _____ Installation Date: _____ Purchase Price: _____

Approved Rebate: \$ _____