



WATERWISE LANDSCAPE RESIDENTIAL REBATE

Austin Water's **WaterWise Landscape Rebate*** helps residents convert turf grass to native plant beds.

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

SAVINGS

- Your new WaterWise landscape can reduce or end the need for extra watering.

REBATE AMOUNT

- Up to \$1,750 per property (*lifetime limit*)
 - o \$35 for every 100 square feet (*500 sq. ft minimum*) converted
- Rebate amount may not exceed total amount of eligible project costs

ELIGIBILITY

- **Applicant:**
 - o Be a residential customer of Austin Water or a **qualifying water provider**
 - 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 other periods for more areas until the \$1,750 limit is reached
 - Must have property owner's permission to apply (*if not the owner*)
 - Participants cannot receive Austin Water's Irrigation Upgrade Rebate at this address later
 - o Agree to pre- and post-installation inspections by Austin Water
 - o Willing to let Austin Water track your water use and refer to the project in outreach materials
- **Conversion Area:**
 - o Must convert at least 500 sq. ft.
 - 75% of area must have healthy turf grass at the time of application
 - o 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
 - o Must have at least 50% plant cover (*at plant maturity*)
 - Must install plants from Mar 15 – May 15 (*for spring rebate*) and Sept 15- Nov 15 (*for fall rebate*)
 - o Plant beds and mulch hardscape areas must be top dressed with at least 2-3 inches of organic mulch
 - o Irrigation system must be capped off or changed to drip or low-use bubblers
 - o Gravel paths may not be over 3 feet wide
 - o No gravel between sidewalk and street
 - o No water features allowed
 - o It is the responsibility of the homeowner to comply with any applicable homeowner association (HOA) requirements. A conflict between these guidelines and HOA requirements may result in the denial of a rebate application

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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 and driveways (*must show accurate square footage*)
 - ☐ **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*)
 - ☐ 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
- ☐ 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 (*see eligibility*)
 - ☐ 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

QUESTIONS?

[WaterWise Landscape Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Conversion Area Measurement Guide](#)

[Sample Site & Planting Plans](#)

[WaterWise Landscape Yard Samples](#)

WATERWISE LANDSCAPE RESIDENTIAL 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 that 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: _____

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: _____

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:

Eligible Square Footage: _____ / 100 = _____ x \$35 = \$ _____ Rebate

Inspected By: _____ Inspection Date: _____ Pass/ Fail