



## 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> (*for spring rebate*) and November 15<sup>th</sup> (*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.*School Facility Contact: *(if applicable)* \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

**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 15<sup>th</sup> (for spring rebates) and November 15<sup>th</sup> (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. 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