Water Conservation Landscape Programs
Rain Water Harvesting
Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program

- Austin Water offers a financial incentive to encourage rainwater harvesting for non-potable uses.
- Rebate amount: **(Not to exceed 50% of the system cost)**
  - .50 / gal. for non-pressurized systems. (rainbarrels)
  - 1.00 /gal for pressurized systems (large cisterns with a pump)
- Rainbarrels less than 500 gal.
  - May install after purchase but must submit application and receipts within 30 days of purchase
- Systems over 500 gal.
  - A site drawing, a system drawing, and operation/maintenance guide must be included with the application before installation.
WaterWise Landscape Rebate Program

- We are giving an incentive to take out your healthy turf grass and replace it with native plant beds

- $25 for every 100 sq.ft. that is converted. (min 500 sq.ft. – max 5000 sq.ft.)

- No turf to turf replacement, must be native plant bed and/or permeable hardscape
Eligibility

- Austin water residential customer or qualifying water provider
- Completion of application and materials
- Size of conversion area (500sqft min)
- Have not started work on the conversion (must be accepted into the program first)
- Health of current turf grass must be 75% or better
Current Turf Grass

- Quality of turf grass being replaced (75% or better)
- Pre-inspection of lawn needed if photos cannot determine the condition
Program Requirements

• Must add 1" compost to a minimum of 6" tilled soil to any plant beds outside the drip lines of trees.
• Plants from the Grow Green plant guide
• No more than 5% annuals
• Plant beds and mulch hardscape must have 2-3” of hardwood mulch
• Must use weed barrier fabric under gravel and mulch hardscape areas
• Conversion area must comprise of over 50% plant cover at maturity (We do not want to add to the “Heat Island” effect)
Program Requirements (cont.)

- Automatic systems must be capped off or converted to drip in the conversion area. **Irrigation Upgrade Rebate Program** will be available to those in the program.
- No water features in conversion area
- No gravel in R.O.W. less than 1” in diameter
Pilot Program Fall 14 – Spring 15
Multi-Family HOA Program Requirements

- Use Austin Water’s Xeriscape Plant list
- Plants from the Grow Green plant guide
- **No gravel or stone** to be included in the conversion area.
- Conversion areas in the Right-of-Way will **not** be included in the conversion area
- No conversions in the stormwater credit areas
- City approved screening and buffering areas cannot be modified.
Irrigation Upgrade Program

- Irrigation Upgrade Rebate (Max $400)
  - Existing irrigation systems only
  - Either the homeowner or a licensed irrigator may do the work
  - Receipts must be itemized with labor and parts separated
  - Must submit the application within 30 days of completing the upgrade work
  - Only one time per property
Irrigation Upgrade Program

• Conversion from spray to multi-stream rotor nozzles ($4 per nozzle up to $100)

• Conversion of a station to drip (up to $50 per station)

• Rain or soil moisture sensors (up to $50)
Irrigation Upgrade Program

- Pressure regulating valve (up to $100)
- Pressure regulating components (up to $100)
- Capping a station ($50 per station)
Water Conservation Contact

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