Water Conservation Landscape Programs

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WaterWise Landscape Rebate Program

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

- $35 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.

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Eligibility

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

- Quality of turf grass being replaced
- 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.
- No water features in conversion area
- No gravel areas greater than 3 feet in width
WaterWise Rainscape Rebate Program

- Homeowners and schools may receive up to $500 ($0.30/sq. foot -- 100 sq. foot min.) for installing landscape features such as rain gardens, berms, swales, terraces, porous pavement, and infiltration trenches that direct and retain rainwater on the property.
Eligibility

- Austin water residential/school customer or qualifying water provider
- Completion of application and materials
- Size of conversion area (100sqft min)
- Have not started work on the conversion (must be accepted into the program first)
Raingardens
Berms and Swales
Rainwater Terracing
Porous Pavement and Infiltration
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