

CAN I BUY MORE THAN THE MINIMUM AMOUNTS OF MATERIALS?

We encourage you to buy as much materials as you need to lower your supplemental irrigation. Just remember, there is only one flat rebate amount for anything purchased over the minimum amount.

CAN MY NEIGHBOR AND I BOTH APPLY FOR A REBATE IF WE EACH MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS BUT PURCHASE EVERYTHING TOGETHER?

Yes. It may be cheaper to buy materials in bulk. What we look for are photos showing that you both installed the minimum amounts of compost, mulch, and/or core aeration service on your property.

WHAT IF I FIND FREE MULCH?

You will not be able to get a rebate for the mulch.

WHAT IF I FIND A MULCH OR COMPOST BLEND? WOULD THAT STILL QUALIFY?

As long as the blend contains 50% or more of mulch or compost, it will qualify. For blends that are 50% mulch and 50% compost, you must buy a total of 4 cubic yards to get both rebates.

HOW DO I MULCH MY TREES?

This [Grow Green video](#) gives information on how to mulch trees.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH COMPOST?

You can till it into the soil when planting new plants or work it into the soil of existing beds. One of the best and often overlooked uses of compost involves your lawn. Compost is an organic material that acts as a slow release fertilizer and hangs onto moisture. Spread $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of compost over your lawn in the spring to increase soil health while avoiding toxic fertilizers.

IS THERE STRICT TESTING ON COMPOST?

If you are concerned about the safety of spreading compost on your lawn or putting it in your plant beds, please know about the [US Composting Council – Seal of Testing Assurance](#). Most suppliers put an STA stamp on their compost bags to assure the public that their product has been tested to the highest standards.

WHY MUST IT BE “CORE” AERATION AND NOT “SPIKE” AERATION?

Spike aeration does not loosen soil to allow root growth and water to fill the voids. It can actually compact the soil if done in wet conditions. Core aeration takes out small cores to allow for the intake of water and nutrients that your lawn needs.

CAN I RENT AN AERATION MACHINE INSTEAD OF HIRING A CONTRACTOR TO DO THE WORK?

Yes you may. Keep the itemized receipt from the tool rental store and turn it in with the application and photos of your yard. (*You still need to send photos even if rain washes away the soil cores.*)

CAN I BUY A CORE AERATION MACHINE OR A MANUAL CORE AERATOR TOOL AND GET THE REBATE?

Unfortunately not. The rebate is for the aeration service and not for buying tools.

WHY DO I HAVE TO WAIT THREE YEARS TO TAKE PART IN THIS PROGRAM AGAIN?

It takes about that long to lose the benefits of the program due to natural decomposition.